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French-Saudi 800m.-ton oil deal announced

PARIS. — President Georges Pompidou masterminded a huge oil deal with King Faisal of Saudi Arabia when the King was in Paris last spring, French officials said yesterday.

The arrangement, expected to be signed by French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert during an official visit to Riyadh starting on January 19, involves a long-term, renewable contract, they said.

The multi-million dollar deal involves the purchase by France of [illegible] million tons of crude oil over the next 20 years in return for Mirage jets, heavy arms and technological assistance in Saudi Arabia's economic development, according to well-placed officials.

The oil deal effectively torpedoes EEC proposals for petrol consumer nations to present a united front in negotiations with the petroleum producers, Arab oil sources said in Paris. They said France would pay around $60,000m. for the oil, which constitutes one-third of projected French needs.

Accompanying the deal — which is the first government-to-government oil delivery accord worked out by Saudi Arabia, the largest Arab oil producer — are Saudi assurances that a sizeable proportion of the money will be spent in France.

The amount of oil France is to get each year under the new pact will be based on complex calculations, and, in particular, on increased production by Petromin, Saudi Arabia's state oil concern.

Saudi Arabian oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani confirmed in Geneva on Monday night that a deal has been reached involving 30 million tons of oil over an initial three-year period, but officials in Paris said this would later be increased considerably.

President Pompidou's secret deal with King Faisal is reminiscent of a controversial arrangement with Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi a few years ago.

The Libyan oil-for-arms deal ran to $500m. and caused a big stir throughout the world at the time.

The new deal with Saudi Arabia makes France the first Western country to move at the official state-

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Ford warns Arabs on oil 'backfire'

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Vice-President Gerald Ford yesterday warned Arab countries that their oil boycott against the U.S. could easily backfire, leading to hunger and suffering for their peoples and those in other underdeveloped areas.

Stressing President Nixon's call for international cooperation to solve the world-wide fuel shortage, Mr. Ford said a "circular flow" was required to keep industrialized countries running and provide the Middle East with its critical needs.

"But it can easily be halted," he told a luncheon meeting of the Manufacturing Chemists Association. "Close an oil valve in the Middle East and you threaten to shut down a farm tractor in our Middle West. Halt that tractor and some people in the world will hunger for bread."

Mr. Ford delivered his caution to the Arabs as an authoritative source said yesterday that President Nixon is inviting the leading industrialized countries of the non-Communist world to Washington next month for a conference on oil supplies. It was not immediately known if Nixon also is asking the oil-producing countries now meeting in Geneva under the aegis of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

(Oil stories, Pages 5 and 7)

Coalition without policy guidelines proposed by ILP

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Independent Liberals last night were considering a proposal to form the new coalition government without any binding policy lines. The motion, tabled at the ILP executive meeting by the Party Chairman, Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, will be voted on at a later meeting.

The aim is to enable the ILP to serve in a new coalition with the religious parties, despite basic ideological differences between the two camps on religious legislation. At the same time it could provide the basis for a national coalition that would include the Likud, as proposed earlier this week by the heads of the National Religious Party's youth circles.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin reiterated last night the Labour Alignment's firm opposition to forming a national coalition together with the Likud. At a meeting of the Labour Party leadership bureau, they both stressed that the Likud's opposition to any territorial compromise could prevent Israel from attending the Geneva talks.

Mr. Yadlin spoke of reviving the outgoing coalition "plus likely changes"—an apparent reference to the Aguda Front. *(see below)*

Likud Leader Menahem Begin last night said there was definitely a basis for establishing a broad national coalition. He told the Herut Central Committee that the way was open for finding a formula for the basic policy lines on which such a government could be based.

The prospects for the ultra-orthodox Aguda Front's joining a coalition lessened yesterday. Aguda Chairman Rabbi Pinhas Alter published a statement declaring that the front's agreement hinged on the consent of the Aguda's Supreme Council of Sages which, contrary to press reports, had as yet not agreed that the party join a coalition.

The Aguda's hard line strengthens the NRP's bargaining position, and yesterday it was unclear from party sources to what extent the NRP leadership will cleave to its official national coalition line. Party sources gave out that the heads of the two largest NRP factions — Social Welfare Minister Yosef Burg and Knesset whip Yitzhak Raphael—convened yesterday. It is likely that if the NRP gets three Cabinet seats, as in the last Cabinet, Dr. Raphael will replace Dr. Zerah Warhaftig at the Religious Affairs Ministry, with the NRP making Dr. Warhaftig President of Bar-Ilan University.

The two NRP youth leaders, Deputy Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Dr. Yehuda Ben-Meir M.K., yesterday continued with their drive for a broad national coalition and initiated a meeting with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan. The two young NRP leaders later described the meeting as "interesting and important" but declined to give further details. However it is understood that Mr. Dayan, on hearing of their broad coalition proposal, emphasized to them that he relies entirely on Premier Golda Meir in all matters pertaining to the formation of the new coalition.

Aluf Ariel Sharon yesterday firmly denied to this reporter news reports that he had been involved in coalition negotiations. Contacted by phone at his home near Beersheba, Aluf Sharon conceded he had been meeting with national leaders but he had in no way been engaged in political activities and most certainly not been involved in talks with political parties and their coalition negotiations. His meetings were of a "personal nature," he stressed.

At the Alignment bureau election campaign chief Avraham Ofer M.K. aroused others members' ire when comparing the Alignment election to the Yom Kippur War, saying "in both cases, the soldiers and not the generals fought the battles." Mordechai Ben-Porat M.K. interjected: "Senior army commanders were killed, don't talk about the army like that," and Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev also cautioned Ofer about attacking the army command.

Mr. Ofer took issue with the Likud claim of an army majority vote for its line, and argued that the Alignment's 40 per cent of army vote plus other factions gave a 60 per cent majority for territorial compromises. He accused Aluf Sharon, without specifying his name, of having conducted election propaganda among the troops.

Mr. Sapir saw no new elections in the offing. He spoke up against Mr. Dayan, without mentioning his name, criticising him for having not come out openly against the Likud in the election campaign. As to the Alignment's losses in the army vote, Mr. Sapir said "it was because our party was held guilty for the failings at the onset of the war and not because of any complaints about our economic and social policy performance."

THE KNESSET LIST

LIST	VOTES	Seats in 1973 election	Seats in 1969 eve of election
Labour-Mapam Alignment	621,183	51	57
National Religious	130,349	10	11
Aguda-Poale Aguda	60,012	5	6
New Communists (Rakah)	53,353	4	3
Black Panthers (Cohen)	13,332	—	1
Likud	473,309	39	31
Coop. & Brotherhood (Arabs)	9,949	—	2
Jewish Defence League	12,811	—	—
Independent Liberals	56,560	4	4
Social Equality (Shaki)	10,202	—	1
Popular Movement (Hassin)	1,101	—	—
Beduin & Villagers (Arabs)	16,408	1	—
Ahva	4,433	—	—
Israel Arab List	3,269	—	—
Panthers Blue-White (Malka)	5,945	—	—
Moked-Maki	22,147	1	1
Prog. & Development (Arabs)	22,604	2	2
Yemenite List	3,195	—	—
Revolutionary Socialists	1,201	—	—
Citizens Rights (Aloni)	35,023	3	—
Meri (Avneri)	10,469	—	1

Valid votes for lists which qualified	1,490,948
Actually voted	1,601,098
Spoiled ballots	34,243
Total valid votes	1,566,855
One per cent blocking percentage	15,668
Votes won by 11 blocked lists	75,907
Total of eligible voters	2,037,478

Seven hurt on Syrian front

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Seven Israeli soldiers were wounded on the Syrian front yesterday in an exchange of artillery and tank fire which lasted for three hours.

The army spokesman said the Syrians began shelling south of Mazrat Beit Jann at 3 p.m., and shells fell as far south as Tel Sha'ar. When the fire was returned, the Syrians brought up tanks, and the Israelis did likewise. Shooting subsided at 6 p.m.

The Egyptian front was disturbed by intermittent firing of mortars and light arms in several sectors, but there were no casualties on the Israeli side. At 6 a.m., the Egyptians fired at Israeli forces south of Abu-Sweir, in the Ismailiya sector. South-west of Fayid, intermittent fire continued for several hours from noon. Fire was also directed at noon at Israeli troops south of Adabiya.

On the Sinai side of the Suez Canal, Egyptian mortars were active at about 1 p.m. east of El Balah island. In all cases fire was returned.

In Damascus, the military spokesman claimed Syrian troops inflicted 25 casualties on Israeli forces and destroyed a tank, two tracked vehicles and two heavy machineguns in the Mazrat Beit Jann area.

'Dayan plan' on separation at Geneva today

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Israel and Egypt were expected to tackle concrete plans on the disengagement of their forces at the Suez Canal front as the military negotiations between the two sides enter their sixth session in Geneva today.

Cairo yesterday indicated that its military negotiators at the Swiss lake-side city were expecting to discuss an Israeli pull-back plan based on guidelines put forward by Defence Minister Moshe Dayan during his visit to Washington last weekend.

The Dayan plan has been the subject of intensive contacts between the U.S. and Egypt in preparation for today's session in Geneva. It was believed to have been discussed yesterday in Cairo by Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy with U.S. ambassador Hermann Eilts.

The Egyptians so far have made no official statement on the Dayan plan although the Cairo news media earlier reported "some progress" over disengagement, although it was noted there were still differences on "certain principles." While voicing no objection to proposals being now discussed Cairo radio went further to indicate that Egypt was expecting the disengagement issue to be settled in the near future, thus signalling the beginning of the next phase in the Middle East peace talks in Geneva later this month.

Israel, Egypt and all other parties concerned have maintained a complete blackout on details of the plan. But all indications were that the proposals call for an Israeli pull-back east of the Suez Canal to the vicinity of the Mitla and the Gidi passes and the creation of a Unef-controlled buffer zone between the Israeli and the Egyptian forces. The proposals would call for the thinning out of the Egyptian military presence on the eastern bank of the Suez waterway.

Meanwhile, Unef commander Lt.-Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo, who is chairing the military negotiations in Geneva, was yesterday reported to have alerted his senior aides in Cairo for a possible early deployment of U.N. units in the proposed buffer zone east of the Canal.

A reliable source told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that Gen. Siilasvuo has further discussed the possibility of transferring the present Unef headquarters in Ismailiya and Suez town to new locations east of the Suez Canal following an Israeli-Egyptian accord on disengagement.

While implying that Egypt was preparing for separation of forces at the Canal front, the Cairo news media yesterday emphasized President Sadat's plans for a large-scale cabinet reshuffle aimed at promoting development projects of construction, especially in the Suez Canal zone.

Cairo's "Al-Ahram" newspaper said that Sadat has asked Deputy Premier and Economics Minister Abdul-Aziz Hijazi, to work with him in planning Egypt's development and is selecting the officials who will implement these schemes.

Observers yesterday took these reports as the strongest indications that Hijazi, a 51-year-old university professor, will assume the premiership which Sadat intends to relinquish next week. Sadat is reported to be planning to devote himself to the presidency, and also to the armed forces.

Cairo yesterday issued an official statement saying that Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy will start a three-day visit to Moscow on Saturday. It is assumed he will discuss Egypt's bid for speeding the start of the second stage of the Geneva conference and its political agenda. Cairo seems to find it increasingly difficult to move further in its negotiations with Israel without other Arab parties.

Our Diplomatic Correspondent adds:

In the meantime, Israel is awaiting word from Washington on Egypt's reaction to the ideas on disengagement of forces which Mr. Dayan proposed to Kissinger during last weekend. Dr. Kissinger is understood to have transmitted the ideas to Cairo.

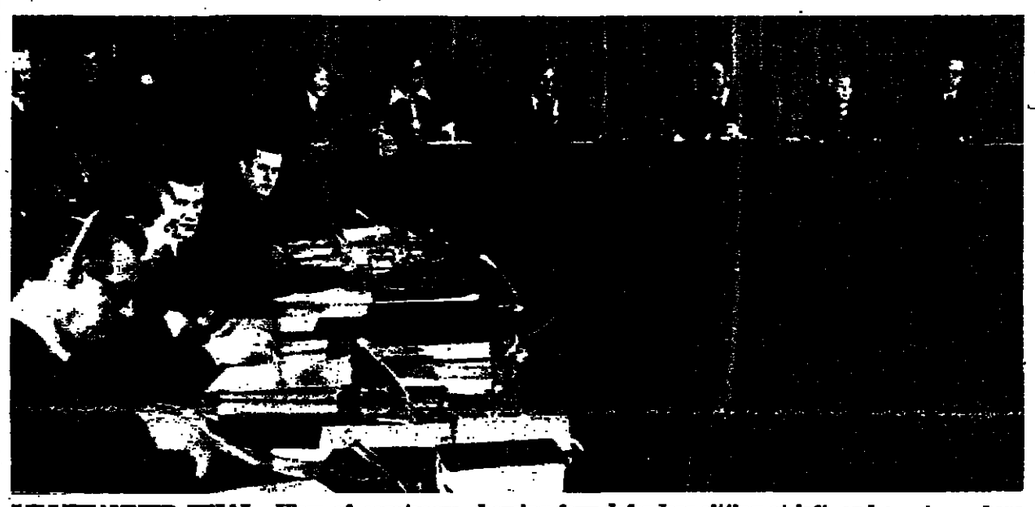
The Foreign Ministry spokesman said last night that no visit was scheduled of any American personality to this region and that Israel had no clear-cut plan as yet on the Israeli-Egyptian disengagement issue.

The spokesman, Gideon Sagui, said it had not yet been decided what the next step would be in the diplomatic contacts on the disengagement question.

As regards reports in some Israeli papers that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was planning another visit to the Middle East within 10 days, officials here could only point to the U.S. State Department spokesman's denial of this on Monday, and add that the Secretary had not mentioned any plans for a visit to Mr. Dayan in Washington.

(Diplomatic sources in Washington said yesterday that Kissinger may make a new trip to the Middle East shortly to help lay down agreement between Israel and Egypt on separation of forces. But they said this depends largely on the terms of the Israeli proposal as finally worked out by the Cabinet.)

Woman in Oslo case says she eavesdropped in a bikini



LILLEHAMMER TRIAL—View of courtroom showing four defenders sitting at left, and court members in background. Photo taken on first day of trial as court did not permit photographers yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

OSLO. — A woman — one of the six Jews charged here with complicity in the killing of a suspected Black September member last year — said in court yesterday that she had put on a bikini to eavesdrop on a conversation in a swimming pool between the victim and his friend.

The shadowing of Ahmed Bouchiki, the Moroccan believed to be a terrorist, took place one day last July at the holiday town of Lillehammer.

Later that night, Bouchiki, 30, was shot and left dead in the road.

Thirty-year-old Marianne Gladnikoff, a Swede now living in Israel, was the first defendant to go into the witness box. Miss Gladnikoff, long-haired and wearing a corduroy trouser suit, described how she came to Norway with others after being recruited for the mission by a man called "Mike."

She and her colleagues were shown what looked like a photograph of Bouchiki before leaving Israel, she said.

Miss Gladnikoff told the court that she shadowed Bouchiki together with a man called "Raoul."

When Bouchiki and another man went into the swimming hall at Lillehammer, Raoul brought her a bikini and told her to follow them in, she said.

She swam across the pool and heard the men speaking in French, but she felt conspicuous because they were the only ones in the pool, apart from the children.

That evening she and other defendants watched Bouchiki — who had a job as a waiter in Lillehammer — come out of the local cinema with his wife and get on a bus.

Later the group in her car got a message over a walkie-talkie instructing them to return to Oslo. Someone in the car said "they have taken him," and she knew that "something peculiar" was going on.

On the way back to Oslo one of the members of the team, a 39-year-old Briton, remarked: "A job's a job."

Miss Gladnikoff, who returns to the witness box today, told the police earlier under interrogation that she would not have joined the mission if she had known someone was to be killed.

The other defendants are Sylvia Rafael, 36, of Israel; Abraham Gehmer 36, of Israel; Dan Arbel, 33, of Denmark; Zvi Steinberg, 30, of Israel, and Michael Dorf, 27, of Israel.

Arbel said during the investigation that Israeli Intelligence expected an attack on an Israeli embassy or El Al airliner in one of the Scandinavian countries, the prosecution told the court.

It was also stated by the prosecution that the two men who actually fired the shots that killed Bouchiki were still at large and being hunted with the help of Interpol.

The accused have all pleaded not guilty to complicity in the murder by helping trace Bouchiki and of illegally gathering information which could endanger Norway.

Norwegian newspapers said yesterday that Miss Raphael was well-known as a journalist to Jordan's King Hussein and had visited Amman.

State attorneys yesterday presented what they described as a detailed account of a massive manhunt with walkie-talkies and a fleet of rented cars carried out by the six alleged Israeli agents on trial here.

Flanked by police on all sides, the defendants listened intently as the prosecution outlined events leading up to the killing.

The prosecution based its account primarily on statements given police interrogators by Arbel and Marianne Gladnikoff.

According to State Prosecutor Haakon Wiker, Arbel told the police that Bouchiki was murdered by a 15-man liquidation squad "acting on orders from the Israeli intelligence organization Mossad."

Certain portions of yesterday's session were held behind closed doors. In calling for the temporary exclusion of newsmen and observers, Wiker cited "consideration for Norway's relations with foreign states."

In the weeks preceding the Bouchiki murder, Dorf was given part-time employment at the Israeli Embassy in Oslo, Wiker claimed.

Members of "the liquidation group" maintained close contact with the Israeli security attache in Norway, Yigal Eyal, Wiker said, and several meetings were held in Eyal's apartment. *(Reuter, INA)*

Foreign experts here for Abu Rodeis fire

Jerusalem Post Staff

Foreign experts have arrived in Israel to advise on the fire at the Abu Rodeis wells. "They have been here for several days," a senior official of the Netevei Neft Co. told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Meanwhile the blaze continues. Circles close to the company say that attempts will be made to cut off the oil flow. Divers can approach the source of the trouble at a depth of not less than 17 metres, because above that, the water is too hot, observers state.

AFTER OCTOBER WAR

At least 1,500 Soviet experts to Syria

LONDON (UPI). — The Soviet Union has sent at least 1,500 "advisers" and "experts" to Syria to help with the military buildup since the October war, defence experts said here yesterday.

The Russian experts are supplemented by East German military personnel who have been flown to Syria to assist in the operation of some of the latest weaponry, the sources said.

Egypt, too, was said to have admitted an unspecified number of Soviet so-called advisers since the October war in a reversal of Cairo's earlier decision to expel the 15,000 Soviet military personnel.

The Soviet military experts are assisting, and in some cases controlling the reinstalment, replacement and operation of some of the newly-introduced sophisticated weapons, the sources said.

Following the war, the defence sources estimated that nearly 300 Soviet flights into Egypt, Syria and Iraq between October 10 and 16 alone had airlifted some 2,000 tons of military supplies to them. More and more advanced weapons were understood to have since been supplied in a steady flow — though on a reduced scale.

Along with these latest supplies Soviet experts have again been flown to Syria in the first place (they left a few days before the war started) and also to Egypt. They supervise the installation of replacements and are to tighten up air defences on the ground and in the air, apparently on both the operational and top planning levels.

The Russians were said to be above all in control of the Scud ground-to-ground rockets with a range of some 500 kms. which also have nuclear capabilities. Moreover, the sources said, they are engaged in reconnaissance activities with their latest jets whose speed exceeds considerably that of the American Phantoms.

Soviet experts also are strongly represented and active in Iraq. Iraq's losses in the war against Israel were not overly heavy because of its limited participation in the actual fighting. They were said by the sources to have been more than replaced since.

Heath appoints energy chief

LONDON (AP). — Prime Minister Edward Heath set up a Department of Energy yesterday to deal with Britain's fuel crisis and named Defence Secretary Lord Carrington as its chief.

Carrington, 54, is chairman of the Conservative Party.

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'BUY A SAM-7 FOR $1,000 AT PARIS RESTAURANT'

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — The Russians have produced a weapon anybody can order in a Champs Elysee restaurant for $1,000 which is "a perfect guerrilla pocket weapon capable of plunging a country into chaos and panic." The weapon is a Sam-7 missile launcher complete with rockets, reported Philippe Bernert, editor of the conservative daily "Aurore," yesterday.

He said that the owner of a luxury restaurant here was also a much travelled arms dealer. He offered M. Bernert a coloured prospectus of his merchandise and said: "If you want to buy a Sam-7 missile — any child can use it — I can sell the launcher for $800 to $1,000 and missiles for $60 to $80 each."

He added: "You are a journalist. Well, it was a Sam-7 missile which killed British journalist Nick Tomalin on the Golan Heights. Thousands of these missiles and launchers were left on the Middle East battleground and then were picked up by Arabs who resold them to dealers. Some of my Sam-7s come direct from the factory but many come from the battlefield."

Bernert commented: "This pocket weapon looks as though it will become the secret arm capable of being used and bought by anybody." He added, "The Russians see this weapon as a revolutionary one, especially for the urban guerrilla movement."

The arms dealer told Bernert, "The Sam-7s which put London airport on general alert most certainly came from Libya, delivered no doubt by a diplomatic courier."

The Sam-7s reach the Arabs through Bulgaria and often end up in Libya. They are then sent out to various European countries where terrorist depots are being organized. Bernert said that France appeared to have been chosen as an ideal base. Despite official silence, the recent arrest of a dozen Turks in a Paris suburban villa at Villiers-sur-Marne unearthed two portable Sam-7 missiles and a Russian booklet of instructions on how to fire them.

He said that another "villa-arsenal" was being searched for in the Paris region by members of the French counter-intelligence D.S.T. agency. He described the Sam-7 as "one of the new fears of this age."

Sisco changes mind

SAN CLEMENTE, California (Reuter). — Mr. Joseph Sisco, the State Department's leading Middle East expert, has changed his mind about leaving the government and has been named by President Nixon to the number three position in the State Department, the White House announced yesterday.

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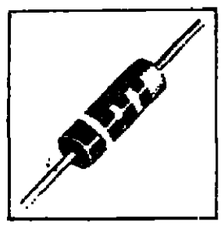

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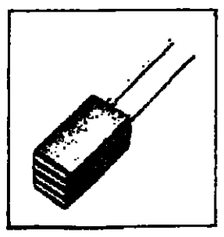

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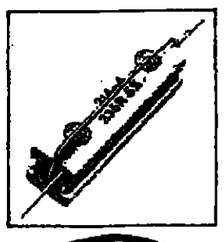

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy, scattered showers in North and Centre. Isolated thunder storms possible.

Weather Synopsis: Red Sea trough to East Mediterranean with depression south of Cyprus.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	55	6—11	5—10
Golan	98	3— 6	2— 6
Nahariya	88	10—14	9—14
Safad	99	5— 7	3— 7
Haifa	64	11—16	8—15
Tiberias	59	10—18	9—18
Nazareth	63	7—14	8—14
Afula	56	8—16	8—17
Shomron	55	8—12	5—10
Tel Aviv	57	10—16	9—17
Lod	50	12—17	8—18
Jericho	50	10—19	8—19
Gaza	57	8—18	10—18
Beersheba	45	6—16	7—18
Eilat	44	8—20	10—21
Tiran	25	10—21	10—21

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Yigal Allon.

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The Italian Ambassador, Vittorio Cordero de Montezemolo, officially inaugurated the Lancia car showrooms yesterday in 64 Hamasger St. in Tel Aviv. The franchise for Lancia is held by Palcar Ltd.

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A Bavarian youth friendship delegation, headed by Adolf Weibel, on Monday called on the head of the Jerusalem Municipal Youth and Sports Division, Ya'acov Gil.

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A panel of journalists will answer questions from the audience in at the Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper, Friday evening at 8 p.m., at Beit Ha'am. The participants, Dan Margalit of "Ha'aretz (political affairs); Ariel Weinstein of "Ma'ariv" (economics); and David Sagiv of Israel Broadcasting (Arab affairs).

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The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at the Dan Carmel Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

DEPARTURES

Yosef Klarman, head of Youth Aliya for the U.S. and to Canada to attend the national convention of Canadian Hadassah-Wizo.

Labour Minister Yosef Almogi, on a UJA speaking tour in the U.S. (by El Al).

Uzi Narkis, head of the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department, for Britain and France, in connection with "Aliya Month" in those countries.

THANKS TO THE DUTCH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A man who wants to remain anonymous yesterday parted with two rare old books in token of respect for the people of Holland.

A Latin version of the Bible, printed in Amsterdam in 1712, was handed to the Honorary Dutch Consul, Joseph Voet, for transmission to the National Library of Holland, and a book of verse by Luyken, also printed in the 18th century, was presented to Pit Bosboom of Amsterdam, who, as a member of the Dutch resistance, saved a thousand Jews from the Nazis during the Second World War.

The ceremony was held at the office of Hillel Seidel, chairman of the pro-Holland Committee, at the Histadrut Executive. It was attended by representatives of the persons saved and of the Abrams Institute for Crippled Children, which Mr. Bosboom has been helping for years.

Road accidents claim 2 lives

Two road deaths were reported yesterday.

A 53-year-old man was killed and his wife slightly injured yesterday when they were hit by a truck while crossing the coastal highway near here.

The man, Shimon Zechari, died instantly, and his wife, Mazal, 50, was taken to hospital.

In Haifa, Yair Ron, 29, died Monday night of injuries sustained last Wednesday when his scooter was hit by a bus. *(Itim)*

Haifa cinemas settle with City

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.— The cinema owners and Mayor Yeruham Zeisel settled their dispute on the terms of payment of the entertainment tax which led to a closure of the cinemas a week ago.

The City agreed to reduce the tax by a further 3.5 per cent to a total of 20 per cent in recognition of the movies' slacked business.

The owners agreed in return, to continue buying tickets from the City Hall against cash, the Municipal spokesman said.

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Heartfelt sympathy is extended to her husband, Dr. Albert P. Schoolman and the bereaved family in Israel and the United States.

TEL AVIV-JERUSALEM BY RAIL IN 35 MINUTES

PERES' PLAN FOR 1984

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

A new railway line will be constructed from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, 59 kms. long, entering the capital via Atarot airport and terminating in Romema. The journey will last 35 minutes.

The project will cost IL270m., plus IL30m. for a railway station in Romema. Another IL100m. will go to purchase 40 passenger coaches, mostly self-propelled. That means IL400m. altogether, or less than was spent last month on purchasing 2,500 lorries.

Will it attract customers? Shimon Peres, Minister of Transport and Communications, points out that 8.5 million journeys were made into and out of Jerusalem in 1973, to and from destinations serviced by Israel Railways. At a moderate growth-rate of four per cent annually, the figure should reach 14m. by the mid-'eighties, of which half (he believes) could be train journeys.

Supposing that comes true, then the investment will have been worth making. It happens that many travellers to Tel Aviv already find it best to leave their cars on the outskirts. They use bus, sherut or taxi to penetrate the traffic-congested town centre. If on top of that a frequent and comfortable train service can get them from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv in little over half-an-hour, there would seem to be little point in taking the car.

Mr. Peres's railway plan — which he still has to clear with Finance Minister Sapir — involves, in addition, a rail link between Tel Aviv North (the Arlosoroff Station) and Tel Aviv South, with an intermediate stop at Levinsky Street, opposite the grandiose new bus terminal.

In Jerusalem, he likewise advocates building a two-kilometre extension underground from the proposed Romema station to the heart of town. Thus good accessibility to the train service would remove the last obstacle to its popularity for commuting.

Mr. Peres has been urging all this for a long time. But cheap petrol made it easier to rely on road transport, which does not require such a heavy one-time capital outlay. Now that the price of fuel is soaring, it might be worth considering whether inflation cannot be held in check for once, long enough to let this particular infra-structure be erected.

Mr. Peres does not propose to build the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem connection just yet. Construction would start in 1979 and take five years, finishing in 1984.

What he does want to start shortly is the long-spoken-of Eilat railway. Feasibility studies made in the past came to the conclusion that the investment would be justified when the volume of freight reaches 2.1 million tons a year. According to forecasts, it will reach 2.3 million tons in 1981 — and the line takes six years to build.

The track would run from Oron, via Ein Hatzeva, with a spur to Sdom. Total distance is 250 kms., and total cost (not including rolling stock) IL425m.

Average expense of shifting goods to Eilat by road is currently, at 1972 prices, IL12 a ton. If Mr. Peres's plan is completed as scheduled, the cost of shifting these same goods by rail would be — according to planners in the Transport Ministry — only IL4.90 a ton.

Another project, to be completed by the end of 1976, is a rapid-transit railway line between Lod airport and Tel Aviv. The age of the Jumbo jet makes this imperative. Air passengers arriving from Lod at the Arlosoroff station could change for Haifa (and in due course Jerusalem) without leaving the station.

There are other plans in view, most immediate being the addition of a second track between Tel Aviv and Haifa. Extension of the freight service requires the purchase of 135 new freight cars — 100 of them to carry containers from the new cargo centres in Bnei Brak and Tel Hanan.

Many technical improvements are required, notably a change to automatic coupling — because there is no personnel available for the laborious and often risky job of hand coupling.

Altogether the plan will cost IL1,500m., of which IL585m. is to be spent over the next five years (1974-78). Requested for the coming fiscal year is IL20m., or four times last year's budget.

This sum covers mostly modest objectives, like doubling the track between Kiryat Motzkin and Steel City, and between Binyamina and Hadera — a bottleneck which has been causing delays in the Tel Aviv-Haifa run. Part of the money will go to planning the bigger ventures, the new lines to Jerusalem and Eilat.

ISRAEL HIT BY GENERAL DROP IN U.S. TOURISTS

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The general world decline in American tourists in 1973 was felt with particular keenness in Israel, where North America has through the years accounted for about 40 per cent of its foreign visitors, Tourism Minister Moshe Kol told a press conference in Tel Aviv yesterday.

The drop in U.S. tourists was noticeable even before the October war, but it became a pronounced feature of tourist statistics in the last three months of the year, he pointed out. In the period January-September 1973, the industry had recovered after a slow start and by the end of September was running ahead of the similar period of the previous year — 579,100 to 576,500, an increase of 0.4 per cent.

But as a result of a further drastic drop in American visitors after the October war, the year's total of tourists fell 9.1 per cent behind 1972 — 661,600 as against 727,500.

The North American fall-off was decisive in the end result. The number of tourists from Latin America, despite the high cost of the voyage and the running inflation in most Latin American countries, was 8.5 per cent up on the 1972 total for the year, and 14 per cent more South Africans came to Israel in 1973 than in the previous year. The figure with regard to Europe remained constant — with France and Britain as the main sources of tourists from that continent.

October, 1973 was the critical month, in which only 18,463 tourists arrived compared to the 69,285 in the corresponding month of 1972. But it is noteworthy, Mr. Kol stressed, that even in this month of hostilities, with the attendant curtailment of commercial air transport, thousands of tourists still came to Israel.

Moreover, the gap narrowed in the remaining two months of the year, and December saw the arrival of 40,750 tourists, compared with the 44,500 in December 1972.

Christian tourists were a major factor in this recovery: Christmas week, December 23-29, accounted for 13,900 arrivals, a 10 per cent increase over the year before.

The Tourism Minister emphasized that in general the tourist industry recovered far more rapidly after the October war than had been the case in the wake of the Six Day War in 1967. The total of foreign arrivals in 1967 — 291,000 — represented a decline of some 10 per cent — this despite the fact that Israel's tourist map had undergone an important change and included such tourist attractions as the Old City of Jerusalem, the Sinai and the Golan Heights. Moreover, the Six Day War ended at the beginning of the summer season, the traditional vacation-time throughout the world.

By contrast, the October war left the tourist map unchanged, and ended at the start of winter — an off-season for tourists with the exception of Christmas.

Foreign currency income in was higher than the 1972 fi despite the drop in the numbe tourists. Final figures are not available, Mr. Kol said, but stand somewhere between $2 and $250m. compared to the $2 the industry brought in during

He explained the increase by higher prices prevailing in fo For the American tourist, pointed out, the price rises wer pronounced than in most Euro countries, where the dollar's chasing power fell in terms of exchange rate as well.

With regard to the current prospects, Mr. Kol said he guardedly optimistic, and would diot no more than that during year the number of tourists w tip the unachieved target for — 750,000.

In this connection he noted IL4m. has been allocated for promotion of tourism, includin number of special incentive jects.

In reply to a question, Hi Giwton, Director-General of Ministry, said that the questio rescinding the ban on charter fl was hardly relevant at this t when scheduled airlines had culty in filling their planes de the fact that their economy fare had closely approached offered by charter companies.

He added that in the current crisis, national airlines, open on a schedule, were receivingority in allocation in most c tries. He made the further that charter flights were far sensitive to security situations scheduled airlines. A report o mour which put off one or bookings could cancel an e charter flight, whereas sched airlines take off whatever passenger load factor.

Members of the central elections committee photographed at the press conference yesterday when they reported on the official results of the Knesset elections. Left to right, Committee secretary Menahem Terlo, Chairman Justice Haim Cohn and Dr. Meir Shaham, the Interior Ministry's voting inspector. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Eban urges speedy end to EEC tariff talks

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Abba Eban yesterday called on the European Community to resume and conclude the negotiations with Israel on a new tariff agreement. The Minister was speaking to seven ambassadors of EEC countries whom he invited to his office in Jerusalem.

Negotiations with the EEC — in the framework of a "global agreement" which the EEC hopes to conclude with five Mediterranean countries — were due to have been concluded by December but delays set in, mainly because of difficulties with the three Maghreb countries: Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco.

Mr. Eban urged that negotiations with Israel proceed independently. He noted that last year, the EEC and Israel had reached agreement on most of the problems involved, with only some relatively subsidiary issues remaining open.

The EEC Council of Ministers is due to meet on February 4, and Mr. Eban urged that it give the Permanent Commission a renewed mandate to pursue the negotiations with Israel to a successful conclusion.

(Last week, the Knesset Economic Committee suggested that political reasons lay behind the delays in the negotiations. Mr. Eban did not raise this point, and officials in Jerusalem refused to express their own opinions on it.)

The unsolved problems between the EEC and the Maghreb countries centre on the size of technical and development aid which the Community is to provide these countries. Certain EEC members, notably Britain, are not keen to allocate large sums to these countries when the Community is still foot-dragging over regional aid to its own needy member-states. (The other two countries involved in the "global agreement" — Spain and Israel — will not receive this aid at all.)

There is also the problem of Algerian wine, for which Algeria seeks generous tariff concessions, which EEC wine-growers such as Italy oppose.

The remaining problems in the negotiations with Israel are:

- Protection for fledgling industries. Israel wants to retain protective tariff walls against EEC imports which would compete with its own "baby industries" — at least for the next several years. At issue is a maximum of ten per cent of EEC imports into Israel.
- Equalization of citrus tariffs. The EEC has agreed to award Israel a 60 per cent tariff concession on its citrus fruits and fruit juices. But the Maghreb states have always enjoyed an 80 per cent concession from the EEC — and Israel demands equality with them. (The concessions are percentages of a 20 per cent across-the-board levy.) Israeli negotiators suggest that if equalization is not immediately possible it could be implemented gradually over a period of years.

Until the new tariff agreement is concluded, a previous agreement with the original Six EEC members is in force, while a status quo with the three new members is maintained. (The renewal of this status quo with Britain and Denmark was announced by the Commerce and Industry Ministry yesterday — see below.)

There has been some talk in the EEC of an "interim agreement" to be in force until the final "global agreement" is worked out. But Mr. Eban stressed to the EEC envoys that Israel was opposed to this idea and preferred the final agreement to be concluded as soon as possible.

Mr. Eban, who was accompanied by several of his senior officials, gave the envoys a resume of Israel's view of the Geneva peace conference so far.

Britain, Denmark won't raise duty

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Import tariffs on Israel's main exports to Britain and Denmark will not be raised, it was learned yesterday. The exports are citrus fruit, juices, bromine, plywood and several other agricultural and industrial products.

According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the tariffs were to have been raised this year as part of the Common Market's expansion to include Britain, Denmark and Ireland. However, since negotiations between Israel and the E.E.C. on establishment of a free trade zone have not been completed, Britain and Denmark have unilaterally decided to keep their tariffs on Israel imports unchanged pending an Israel-Common Market agreement.

Exports to Ireland will be charged the same tariff as those on imports from countries not affiliated with the Common Market.

JUSTICE COHN:

'No way of knowing how Army voted'

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn, chairman of the Central Elections Committee for the Eighth Knesset, yesterday debunked as "absolute drivel" press reports that 80 per cent of the soldiers serving in Aluf Arik Sharon's task force had voted for the Aluf's list — Likud.

At an open Committee session summing up the election results (see table, page 1) Justice Cohn said the system used to count Army ballots, which entailed mixing up all the envelopes and counting them in small separate batches, made it absolutely impossible for anybody to know the party distribution in the various units.

The Committee approved the results by 30 votes against two with no abstentions.

Justice Cohn said that since a number of lists wished to appeal the results to the Eighth Knesset (as the Elections Law provides) he would delay transferring the material to the Interior Minister for a fortnight to give the lists time to study the protocols.

Only the Army could decide if it was willing to allow the material from Army polling stations to be studied, Justice Cohn said.

Dr. Avner Shaki's Social Equality List announced promptly that it would file an appeal because slips marked with the wrong letters were placed in polling booths.

Moked representative Meir Lamm, who also said his list would appeal the results, criticised the system whereby Army votes are counted by representatives of the three big parties only. One Army counting team (the equivalent of a polling station) included teenagers who signed their report as "Theodor Herzl" and "Henrietta Szold" respectively, Lamm charged.

He blamed the Central Elections Committee for having failed to act on the illegal status of Aluf Arik Sharon as a party candidate. "Am I right or not," Lamm asked the Alignment's Avraham Ofer, eliciting mumbled agreement from him.

Justice Cohn stressed in his summing up that the elections had been orderly, efficient and free from excesses. Representatives of the three parties making up the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee were allowed to count Army ballots according to an old precedent, he said. (The grounds may have been to keep the number of men in uniform a secret).

Justice Cohn said that the tellers who signed themselves Herzl and Szold had acted foolishly and frivolously, but without criminal intent — as a security probe had shown. Far more serious were charges about misconduct by polling committees among the Beduin, which the Police were already probing.

The Alignment's Avraham Ofer said that in the entire Army only two soldiers voted twice in Army polling stations. Their names had been handed over to the Army authorities for action.

On the other hand, many soldiers voted, who in fact did not have the right to vote, because they did not have Israeli citizenship. (The number is said to be as high as 2,000).

The names of a few hundred other soldiers who voted in the Army were found to have been already crossed off in their civilian polling stations. Their Army ballots were disqualified, he said. It wasn't clear whether the soldiers voted twice or some relative voted for them with their identity cards. Ofer said this had not been probed.

London security puts Rafael in limelight

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Mr. Gideon Rafael, the new Israel Ambassador to Britain, arrived yesterday amidst unprecedented security precautions at Heathrow Airport. The bodyguard elevated his arrival to a major event in the British press.

Security exercises involving the army and police which have been going on for some days now were this morning attributed by some papers to the need to protect Israel's new representative.

Mr. Rafael was somewhat taken aback at all the fuss, which included the full press treatment with dozens of journalists and TV crewmen anxious to hear his opinion of the anti-terrorist security activities.

When told by one journalist that he was considered the number one target of the terrorists, Mr. Rafael responded with a smile: "Thank you for your kind welcome, but I don't see any reason why it should be me."

Pressed to give his opinion on measures being taken against terrorism, Mr. Rafael said: "International terrorism requires international action. I don't think enough has been done so far. Concerted measures to stamp out this new plague are long overdue. So far international organizations have failed to take the necessary joint action. It will become a matter of self-interest for all countries to protect the lives of their citizens."

Had relations between Israel and Britain cooled since the arms embargo imposed by Britain during the October war? he was asked. "I will take the temperature, and then I will tell you," he responded.

Mr. Rafael told me that he would like Britain to see Israel as a positive factor in the Middle East, "I hope that they believe it, but they should also express it." The Israel government thinks that relations with the U.K. are important, and he stressed that he wants to improve them, especially in the practical fields of trade and relations with the EEC, in which Britain is a senior partner.

Gideon Raphael and Mrs. Rap being escorted by airport p on their arrival in London terday. (AP Wirep

THE WINNING numbers in this week's Lotto lottery are 05, 12, 15, 27, 36, and 37, Mifal Hapayis announces. The additional number is 13.

Kreisky: M.E. mission is 'fact-finding'

VIENNA (INA) — The sched visit of a delegation of Soci Party leaders to the Middle would be a fact-finding mis with no offers of mediation, trian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky yesterday.

A delegation of up to nine se members of European Socialist ties was scheduled to visit the dle East states including Israel four weeks starting in Febru sources close to Kreisky's said.

According to the sources Fr cois Mitterrand of France, Ja Callaghan of Great Britain, Ant Cariglia of Italy, Hans Jue Wischnewski of West Germany Kreisky and others were to part. The delegation, under K ky's leadership, was to talk to ernment and party leaders in J salem, Cairo, Damascus, Beirut other Middle East capitals.

"This is a formal attempt of Socialist International to get in rect contact with Arab statesm Chancellor Kreisky said. "We not intend offers of mediation this fact finding mission."

Likud men named deputies to Lahat

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two members of the municipal Likud list are to become deputies to Mayor-elect Shlomo Lahat, bringing the number of deputies so far to four.

Mr. Lahat's first announced deputies were Yitzhak Artzi and Peretz Unikovski of the Independent Liberal Party — the Likud's coalition partner. The two new deputies, *The Jerusalem Post* was informed, will be Yigal Griffel of the Likud's Herut faction and David Shifman of its Liberal faction. (Mr. Griffel will probably also get the title of "acting mayor," along with Mr. Artzi, in case Mayor Lahat is ever absent from office.)

Likud sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that the choice of two Likud deputies is "the absolute minimum, as both Herut and the Liberals had to have deputies." Mr. Lahat is said not to want any more deputies, but it is expected that he will have at least one, and possibly two, more if the religious parties join his coalition.

The Aguda is demanding that its sole councillor, Rabbi Meir Abrahamowitz, be a deputy mayor, and the NRP is demanding the post for the head of its list, Haim Basok, and possibly for its second councillor, David Rosen-Zvi. Although the Likud is said to oppose granting deputy mayor status to the religious councillors, it is expected that, should the religious parties finally join the coalition, at least Mr. Basok will be named deputy.

(The posts for which outgoing Tel Aviv Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz is being considered are those of Minister of Housing and Secretary-General of the Labour Party, and not as erroneously published in yesterday's paper.)

And in Ramle . . .

The Mayor of Ramle, Aharon Abu Hatzeira (National Religious Party), will continue to head the Town Council for the next four years at least. The NRP faction there signed a coalition agreement yesterday with the Likud and two local lists, giving them a 10-seat majority. The Alignment, with five mandates, comprises the opposition.

In Rishon Lezion, where Mayor Hananya Gibstein was re-elected by a landslide, the final returns show that he got 73 per cent of the military vote from that town. Although eight lists competed in the municipal elections in Rishon, only two got in — Gibstein's independent list, with 11 seats, and the Alignment, which got the remaining four.

A coalition agreement was signed yesterday in the development town of Hazor between the Alignment and Likud lists. Serving as Local Council chairman in a two-year rotation will be Eliahu Halfon (Likud) and Raphael Edri (Alignment).

IL1.5m. OF FROZEN MEAT STOLEN

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Forty-two suspects have been arrested so far in an investigation of large-scale meat thefts from cold storage plants throughout the country, the national police spokesman, Sgan Nitzav Nahum Bosmi, told a press conference here yesterday.

He said the men — stevedores, truck drivers and meat dealers — are suspected of stealing IL1.5m. worth of meat and reselling it over the past 18 months.

The investigation, which is only in its first stage, started after police learned of "unkosher" sales of kosher meat. Only after the investigation began, did two cold storage plant owners complain of thefts, S/N Bosmi said.

The meat had been imported by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, which stored it at various storage plants.

The spokesman said the meat was sold almost openly. Meat dealers would place their orders after visiting the cold storage plants where the stolen meat was kept. They paid low prices but by the time the meat reached the public the prices were up to market level.

About IL150,000 worth of meat has been seized, and the suspects have reportedly confessed to having stolen another IL250,000 worth.

Participating at the press conference were officers of the police team investigating the case: Sgan Nitzav Yosef Bar-Giora, Rav Pakad Yigael Loushi, Pakad Malca and Mefakeah Menashe Ezra.

Nablus upset by settlement plan

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

NABLUS. — An announcement by the Land of Israel movement on plans to set up a Jewish settlement in Nablus has sparked a public uproar here.

The local Chamber of Commerce yesterday wired Defence Minister Moshe Dayan protesting against the announcement, while the City Council has summoned an extraordinary session for today to discuss what was described as the plan for the establishment of a settlement similar to Kiryat Arba in Hebron.

The Land of Israel announcement was made at a press conference in Tel Aviv on Monday by a spokesman of the movement, who said that 30 Israeli families with children and 30 bachelors were awaiting Government approval for their settlement in Nablus. The spokesman said preliminary contacts the would-be settlers had held with a number of ministers, including the Defence and Interior Ministers, were encouraging.

Lecturers bring college to front

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Haifa Univer has "adopted" an armoured co division on the southern front its "educational ward." For a w now, University lecturers h gone down to the front lines deliver series of lectures in t respective fields, staying sev days with each unit, sharing t tents and their rations.

The subjects are scientific, li ary or artistic, and the sold have responded to the experim with enthusiasm. On home le they've come to the campus to for "more of the same."

THE ITALIAN HOOPSTERS le Varesa arrived in Israel last ni to play Tel Aviv Maccabi in quarter-final round of the Europ Basketball Cup games. The ma will take place Thursday night Yad Eliahu, with a return ma in Italy next week.

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Arab child labour charge denied

...t Nablus girl, 14, working for Assis

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

...AVIV. — Leftist elements ...Europe have launched what ...id Herzano, Manager of Assis, ...s a "slanderous, anti-Israel ...paganda campaign aimed, ...ng other things, at besmirch- ...the name of Israeli products." ...is exports a variety of pro- ...ed citrus goods.

...e was referring to a recent ...le in "L'Humanité" in France ...h charged that Assis was em- ...ing under-age Arab girls "dri- ...to work hard by Jewish over- ...s wielding clubs." Employment ...he adolescent Arab girls allowed ...el to send Israeli reservists to ...front, it said.

...addition, the article printed a ...ure of a "Jewish overseer ...atening a young Arab girl with ...ub."

...r. Herzano declared yesterday ..."the article and the picture ...a complete fabrication." More- ..., he extended an open invitation ..."anyone to come anytime" to ...to any of the Arabs, who con- ...ute about 40 per cent of the ...k force during the peak citrus ...on.

Assis employs at present 421 Arabs, both from Israel and the administered areas. Of these, 137 are girls and women, mainly employed in preparing grapefruit segments for canning.

"We pay Arab workers, both men and women, the identical wages paid Jewish workers," he declared. "We receive each and every one of them through the Ramat Gan labour exchange, which in turn contacts the Nablus labour exchange. All of them are 17 years old or more. Their age has been checked by the Nablus labour exchange. A security check is also run on all of them by the Israeli authorities."

Nevertheless, during an open press tour of the Ramat Gan plant reporters spotted a girl who looked about 14. Asked her age, she immediately replied, "14." Her name was Dina Arhim, and she comes from Nablus.

Mr. Herzano admitted that "it was possible that an adolescent girl might have slipped past the Nablus officials. However, he believed that this was a very rare thing. (He had no explanation how she slipped through the Israeli security check.)

The other women workers seen by reporters all looked in their late teens or older.

During 1972, Assis exported goods valued at $7.7m. In 1973, the figure crept up to $8.5m., and this year (1974), it is expected to rise even further.

3 remanded as suspects in Dan arson

TEL AVIV. — The Magistrate's Court here ordered two Swiss nationals and a Norwegian held yesterday on suspicion of having been involved in the fire at Tiffany's night club on Sunday that drove guests from the adjacent Dan Hotel.

Judge Arye Even-Ari remanded Werner Straub, 34, for 15 days and Amnon Roland and Hanson Bjoren, the Norwegian, for eight days after a police officer said he had evidence linking them with the fire.

The officer, Pakad Yitzhak Danon, said Straub, a co-owner of the international Tiffany's nightclub chain, had arrived in Israel late on Saturday. He said Bjoren, 30, was manager of the club and Roland, 29, handled the accounts.

Pakad Danon said the police had asked Interpol to investigate the suspects' background in their countries. Requesting that Straub be held in a separate cell, he said there was "a thread leading from him to the arson."

Straub's attorney, Adam Frost, told the judge his client was a wealthy man, one of the owners of the Tiffany chain. He had no reason to want the club burned down and could have had nothing to do with planning the arson, since he arrived in the country only a day before the fire, he said.

All three suspects declined to meet with officials from their respective casualties. *(Itim.)*

Army not discharging essential workers

Substitute has to be found

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

During the four weeks since manpower committees were formed in each economic branch to negotiate the discharge of essential workers from the armed forces, only 1,400 soldiers have been sent home. Requests submittee to the committees exceeded 15,000, according to Shlomo Amir, chairman of the Emergency Manpower Headquarters in the Labour Ministry.

"We must take into account that the Army frees soldiers on personal grounds too — owing to illness in the family or because an individual's private business will collapse if he does not attend to it," Mr. Amir pointed out.

"Our conclusion is that the committees should continue to operate. But an effort must also be made to solve the manpower problem by other means. If the Army can spare only 10 per cent of the individuals requested, we have to search elsewhere," he said.

NEEDS STUDIED

The committees studied the need for posts to be filled, rather than named persons to be freed. This prevents favouritism. "If a factory needs an auditor, that is what we put in for — and there may be several auditors belonging to the same firm serving in the forces. If one cannot be released, perhaps another can."

The problem concerns skilled labour, he stressed. "There is no shortage of unskilled men at the moment. Only 70 per cent of Arab workers from the administered territories have returned to their jobs in Israel, mainly because there is no demand for more." One reason is the decline in building activity since the pre-war period.

Inside the Arab areas, grown-ups are now available to do harvesting work that was previously left to teen-agers. "Average wages have declined slightly there, due to the greater abundance of spare hands," Mr. Amir pointed out.

The Vasterdala folk-dancers who arrived from Sweden yesterday for a series of performances and to acquire an Israeli repertoire.

Folklore dance troupe here from Sweden

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Swedish folklore dance troupe arrived in Israel yesterday for a series of performances and to acquire an Israeli song and dance programme for their repertoire.

It will perform in Jerusalem, Tiberias, Ein Gev and army installations.

The Vasterdala national dance group of eight, plus two violinists, comprises young men and women from various parts of Sweden, but mainly from the Dalarna district, which is particularly rich in musical and dance tradition. They are accompanied by a group of Swedish journalists.

Their visit is hosted jointly by the Tourism Ministry and El Al.

Israel 'satisfied' over tennis venue change

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Lawn Tennis Association (ILTA) has expressed "satisfaction" with the news from Kuala Lumpur that Malaysia has decided not to host the third Asian Amateur Tennis Championships in March because of Israel's possible participation.

The event is sponsored by the 17-nation Asian Lawn Tennis Federation, of which Israel was a founder-member in 1964. While deploring the refusal of the Malaysian government to grant visas to Israeli sportsmen, the ILTA is nevertheless pleased that the Malaysian LTA's decision has avoided a repetition of the 1967 "incident" between the two tennis associations, when Israel's team was refused entry to Kuala Lumpur for the Asian junior tournament.

The Asian Federation upheld Israel's protest that the Malaysian action was a breach of its regulations and ruled that the 1967 championships could not be counted as official.

MALAYSIANS OBEYED RULES

"In view of what happened then, we are pleased that this time the Malaysans are at least obeying the international federation rules," ILTA chairman Avram Felger told The Post on Monday night.

He said that while Israel had not been able to compete in the previous two Asian amateur championships (in Manila in 1971 and Hong Kong the following year) for financial reasons, it hoped to send a team to the meet in March. "We will again insist on our right to participate, wherever the venue," he stressed.

The Asian Tennis Federation includes no Arab countries, but its membership numbers five Moslem states: Afghanistan, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia and Pakistan.

Israel has played against most of these countries — including Malaysia — at the Asian junior championships, in which she so far competed twice (apart from Kuala Lumpur, Israel was invited to all six Asian youth meets held to date).

Israel has also met Iran twice in the European zone of the Davis Cup and the two countries are due to play each other again in this year's competition.

New phone numbers in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Approximately 3,400 Jerusalem phone subscribers whose numbers begin with 3 or 6 will have their numbers changed on January 25, as part of the Communications Ministry's modernization programme.

Their lines will be transferred from their respective phone exchanges to the new telephone exchange opened on December 25 in Kiryat Hayovel. The switch — to a number beginning with 4— will also mean they will be among the first Jerusalem phone subscribers to enjoy direct overseas dialling service.

FREE PHONES DISCONTINUED

Soldiers will no longer be able to use public telephones for free, the Communications Minister announced yesterday. All the instruments which have worked without tokens since the October war have now been reconverted to work with tokens only.

(Earlier this week soldiers serving on the Golan were surprised to find that their formerly free pay phone at Kibbutz Dan was no longer free. Most of them were unable to place their calls, since they had no tokens.)

But Minister Shimon Peres decided that front-line soldiers will still be able to phone home for free from the mobile exchanges which have been provided.

El Al workers picket in N.Y.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NEW YORK. — Employees of El Al airlines here yesterday picketed at Kennedy Airport to protest against the firing of 22 mechanics because they refused to work overtime without a new contract.

Mechanics, cargo agents, ticket clerks and other employees were among the pickets. A spokesman for their union said the company was insisting on dropping a job security clause from a new contract.

He claimed that El Al is importing mechanics from Israel to take over from the dismissed workers. The union was prepared to sign immediately a negotiated contract retroactive to October 1, 1972, providing for a 6.2 per cent raise over 18 months. The wage boost would bring mechanics hourly wages to $7.30.

An El Al spokesman declined comment except to say that the picketing had not affected operations yesterday. *(AP, UPI)*

...lawyer, jailed for ...tax fraud, sues his accusers

...AVIV. — A local lawyer who ...jailed for tax envasion is suing ...e of the witnesses whose testi- ...y got him convicted.

...ordechai Roitman charges in ...suits, filed yesterday in the Dis- ...t Court here, that the three are ...ty of perjury and that he has ...uments to prove that they lied ...court. He is demanding IL1m. ...ages.

...oitman, 53, was sentenced last ...ch to eight months and an ...,000 fine. On appeal, the sen- ...e was reduced to three months ...IL20,000. He had been convicted ...ailing to declare almost half a ...lion pounds in income between ... and 1968.

...e respondents in Roitman's ...s are Aharon Meir, of the ...rahi Bank, from whom the ...ver is demanding IL500,000 in ...ages; advocate Y. D. Shahor ...250,000); and Meir Halevi, for- ... manager of the bankrupt ...merfin shipping company ...50,000). Roitman has also filed ...omplaint against the Attorney- ...eral, it is learned.

...defence briefs have been filed *(Itim)*

Book-box target doubled

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The enthusiastic response to *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund's "book-boxes" for frontline soldiers means that we are now able to double the amount originally earmarked for this project.

Right now IL40,000 will be turned over to the Soldiers Welfare Committee. We would be delighted to have it go higher.

With the IL4,845 that came in over the past two days, our total so far stands at IL90,133.58, which make the Toy Fund's 25th drive the best ever.

The "mini-libraries," first planned to go out in metal cases, are now going into cartons because it was not possible to get hold of the sturdier box soon enough. This made it possible to turn our original aim of 100 "book-boxes" into 250, which will now be doubled to 500.

The books, ordered by the Soldiers Welfare Committee in consultation with the Army from nine local publishers, are packed by Gadna volunteers in Tel Aviv in cartons of 25. They are taken by army lorries direct to units in the field.

Light reading — mysteries, etc. — makes up the bulk of the paperbacks selected, but there are also some classic authors. Hebrew translations of works by Dostoyevsky, Hemingway, Dumas, Conrad, Maupassant, Durrenmatt, O. Henry, Solzhenitsyn, Kazantsakis, Balzac and Graham Greene are in every box.

We are not winding up the Toy Fund yet — the mailbags are too full — so that if you still want to contribute please send your donation to us directly by mail. Make you cheques out to *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund and send them to: P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem.

Latest contributors include: —

IL1,000 Anonymous—in memory of Nathanial Weinstein (for the soldiers' book-boxes).
$125 The children of the Maine Township Jewish Congregation Religious School, Des Plaines, Illinois.
$110 Bernard S. Storper, Long Island City, N.Y. — in memory of my parents, Sarah and Max Storper (for the soldiers' book-boxes).
$102.50 Families of Congregation Beth Shalom of Wilmington, Delaware — instead of gifts on one night of Hanukka.
£20 Mrs. Girlie Light, Bloemfontein, South Africa.
IL200 Fritz and Ilse Herz, Haifa (for the soldiers' book-boxes).
$25 Elsie and Louis Lerner, Bethlehem, Penn. (for the soldiers' book-boxes). Robert I. Perlov, West Orange, N.J. Mr. & Mrs. Jake Pollack, Cape Girardeau, Mo.
$24.12 Mr. & Mrs. William J. Chertok, Coatesville, Pa.—in memory of the 2612 Israeli soldiers who have been killed since the beginning of the Yom Kippur War.
IL100 Hinda and Arthur King, Petah Tikva (for the soldiers' book-boxes). Hanna Abelovitz, Haifa (for the book-boxes). Mr & Mrs. Cecil Herbert and Family, Jerusalem (for the book-boxes). In loving memory of my parents Rivka and Aberham Chojnacky — Natalie Hess, Jerusalem.
$18 Mark, Larry, Susan and Jonathan David Chertok, Coatesville, Pa. — in honour of the Razummy family in Israel. Janice (10 years old), Jonathan (8) and Jehrey (3) Bicher, Montreal, Canada (from their Hanukka-gelt).
IL68 Our baby granddaughter Galith Boussidan wants all little children to be happy on Hanukka — Mr. & Mrs. J. Dallo, Antwerpen, Belgium.
IL54 3 times 'Hai' from Hilde Sittenman — on the occasion of my husband's 60th birthday. 3 times 'Hai' from Tuesday Bridge Club, Mt. Carmel Haifa.
$12 Michael, Sharon and Joel Peshkin, Elmhurst, Ill. (their second contribution, and this one for the soldiers' book-boxes).
IL50 In honour of Mrs. Erna Lesser on her 80th birthday — from her grandson Danny Jona and from H. and L. Liebrecht, Tel Aviv. Bridge Kasse Cohn, Kahn, Landsberger, Ramot Hashavim.
$10 Melvin and Ellen Lax, Far Rockaway, N.Y. Arthur and Joyce Joseph Teaneck, N.J. Neoma L. Lide, Birmingham, Alabama. Jonathan, Daniel and Susan Och, Maplewood, N.J. Roy, Margaret and Martha West, Holton, Kansas. Mark and Danny Raider, Woodland Hills, Calif., are happy to share their Hanukka with the children of Israel. Florence Nachman, Orange, N.J. — in memory of my late husband Harry Nachman. Dr. Nathan and Anna Krinsky, Brooklyn, N.Y. Kurt and Ulla Schlesinger, Portland, Or.
IL36 Mrs. Hirsch, Haifa.
IL30 From Schwester Irma Hochmuth, Goppingen, Germany. G. Adler, Haifa.
SF20 N.N., Haifa.
$5 From Hadar and Eveleor Zabari, New York. Instead of a Hanukka gift to Ilan and Ayala Shapiro, Toronto. From David Grave, and Eva Koop, Manitoba, Canada.
IL25 J. Leaf, Rehovot.
IL20 Dov and Gila Lapinsky, Hadera.
IL18 For Dana and Omri from Oma Lilly, Haifa. Lee and Carl Feller, West Hempstead, N.Y. — in memory of Dudu Yishai who fell in the Yom Kippur War.
IL15 Ruth and Frank Moser: Deborah Moser, Haifa.
$3 Shimmie and Avremi Sacks, Pittsburgh, Pa.
IL10 Ruth Taussig, Herev-Leet (Hadera) — for our little grandson Gili in Yesha, and in loving memory of our little Dani. For Ronen, Limor, Shavit and Yael — from Saba and Sabta Stock: Shai Shellekes: N.N.: Haifa. From Dean, Anat and Tal, Nahariya. In honour of Sonya and Nathan Phillips, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary — Ruth and Frank Moser, Haifa.

Bar-Lev orders frontal assault on hoarders

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev yesterday ordered a spot check of sugar, oil and rice inventories in wholesalers' warehouses, following consumers' complaints of shortages in shops.

According to the Minister, there are ample stocks in the country, and the shortages must be due to hoarding. Price Commissioner Moshe Mandelbaum yesterday directed wholesalers to file declarations stating their present stocks of these items as of today — January 9.

Dealers caught with "unreasonable" stocks will lose their purchasing rights at Government warehouses, the Ministry spokesman said, and may also face legal action. In addition, the Ministry is considering direct sale of these commodities to retailers.

Cholera shots no longer required

The need for travellers coming from countries hit by cholera to produce immunization certificates has been abolished by most countries in the world, including Israel, the Health Ministry spokesman announces.

The spokesman said the decision was recommended by a committee of experts appointed by the World Health Organization to study the effectiveness of anti-cholera. Basing its conclusions partially on Israel's experience in combatting a cholera epidemic in 1970, the committee recommended flatly to abolish the need for such certificates as of January 1, this year.

Cholera shots are still required in 11 places in the world. They are Australia, the Christmas Islands, Egypt, Greece, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Lebanon, Madagascar, Thailand and Yugoslavia.

MDA short of ambulance drivers

HAIFA. — Magen David Adom is having trouble coping with requests for ambulances, since four of its eight drivers are absent from work.

"Ttim" learns that two of the drivers are mobilized, and two others have been ill for several weeks. Their absence means the health organization only operates one ambulance in the afternoons and evenings for the entire city.

The local director of MDA, Dr. D. Rose, said his requests to have the army release his two drivers have been turned down. *(Itim.)*

EIGHT MERCHANT marine officers trainees, half of them new immigrants, who have completed a year long on-board training course in the Zim freighter m.s. Opal, were graduated yesterday. They will now sit for Third Officer's ticket examinations.

...ODAY'S POSTBAG

...SRAGAS HAS ANNOUNCED ...half its delivery men and ...its delivery trucks are still ...and that delays in sup- ...households with gas cylin- ...must be expected.

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...POLICEMEN and officers, from ... to Ashdod, will hear lectures ...Ben-Gurion University of the ...ev starting today. The week- ...course will encompass traffic ...trol, investigations, intelligence, ...inistration and sociology.

THE LIKUD EXPRESSES ITS THANKS

to the four hundred and seventy three thousand, five hundred and fourteen Israeli citizens in cities and towns, moshavim, kibbutzim and army camps who expressed their support for its programme, and their confidence in its representatives in the Knesset.

It is noteworthy that the Likud received more support than any other party from regulars and reservists serving with Zahal.

This degree of trust, expressed by citizens and citizens in uniform, places great responsibility on our shoulders.

Basing our actions on the principles of the Likud, we shall do our utmost to justify this trust and to serve faithfully.

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TEL AVIV, Mann Auditorium,
Saturday, January 19, 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

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JEREMY MENUHIN
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HAIFA, Shavit Auditorium,
Thursday, January 27, 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

Programme:
BEETHOVEN, BARTOK, CZERNY, SCHUBERT

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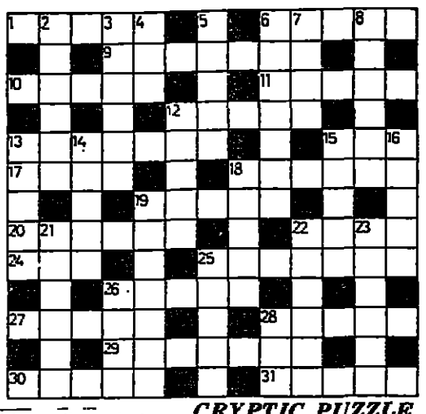
TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Easy or the Cryptic puzzle.



EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Previous (5)
6 Choose (5)
9 Uneasy (7)
10 Not brave (5)
11 Articles (5)
12 Domestic servants (5)
13 Least (7)
15 Insect (3)
17 Shortly (4)
18 Heavenly bodies (6)
19 Colouring material (5)
20 Off-hand (5)
22 Father (4)
24 Shade (3)
25 Obviously (7)
26 Not fresh (5)
27 Flower (5)
28 Deserves (5)
29 Movement downwards (7)
30 Beneath (5)
31 Demise (5)

DOWN

2 Dried fruit (6)
3 Source (6)
4 Colour (3)
5 Vapour (5)
6 Obvious (7)
7 Allows (4)
8 Force (6)
12 Wall painting (5)
13 Month (5)
14 Sound (5)
15 Started (5)
16 Written composition (5)
18 Try to catch fish (5)
19 Business associate (7)
21 Season (3)
22 Sea robber (6)
23 Heavenly body (6)
25 Site (5)
26 Team (4)
28 Terminate (3)

Monday's easy solution

ACROSS.—3. Chasm. 8. Older. 10. Women. 11. Ire. 12. Eased. 13. Payment. 15. Denim. 18. Ill. 19. Delete. 21. Inmates. 22. Long. 23. Drag. 24. Ignores. 26. Marine. 29. Tip. 31. Evens. 32. Repents. 34. Tired. 35. Not. 36. Greed. 37. Adder. 38. Ready.

DOWN.—1. Alias. 2. Seeming. 4. Heat. 5. Swedes. 6. Model. 7. Merit. 9. Dry. 12. Enlarge. 14. Elm. 16. Nears. 17. Merge. 19. Denoted. 20. Plume. 21. Inure. 23. Depends. 24. Inside. 25. Rip. 27. Avert. 28. Inter. 30. Utter. 32. Read. 33. Nod.

Monday's cryptic solution

ACROSS.—3. Rinse. 8. N-ovel. 10. E-the-l. 11. Cat. 12. Jonah. 13. Butcher. 15. Terry. 18. Hal. 19 (all) Serene. 21. Jut-land. 22. Heap. 23. Purr. 24. Reapers. 26. Staves. 29. Pea. 31. Monet. 32. Pelica-n. 34. Night (cap). 35. Soy. 36. Actor. 37. Te-X-as. 38. Me-Al's.

DOWN.—1. Focus. 2. Ketch-up. 4. Igor. 5. Sea-Ted. 6. Ether. 7. Learn. 9. VAT. 12. Jellies. 14. Hat. 16. R-emus. 17. Years. 19. Snip-pet. 20. C-has-m. 21. Japan. 23. Praises. 24. Retire. 25. Eel. 27. Touch (typist). 28. Venom. 30. Kayak (rev.). 32. Phil. 33. Cox

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Waits around to get belted! (5)
6 Unlawful arrest? (5)
9 Fabulous legless girl swimmer (7)
10 Eat like an archaeologist? (3, 2)
11 Water used by an oiler! (5)
12 Box of grey matter (5)
13 Teach me to make a knife (7)
15 Where a goat lost its tail? (3)
17 Friend from whom everybody gets a letter (4)
18 Labours to redevelop wastes? (6)
19 The sun does so (for various things) (5)
20 For Stan to take me in, is a bit of a bloomer (6)
22 One's attitude to an artist? (4)
24 Do you need only one in the army? (3)
25 Goes and raps Ted, maybe (7)
26 Conqueror more than mortal? (5)
27 Support you can trust? (5)
28 One-man town? (5)
29 Rant about the decimal mix-up? (7)
30 The fault of one found wanting (5)
31 Like horsemen rather than musicians (5)

DOWN

2 AN. Mall kingdom (6)
3 Shy about Tim turning up in a forge (6)
4 Number of ants accommodated? (3)
5 Unhealthy thing to do in London (5)
6 It doesn't hurt to fight with them (7)
7 Figure of one old wreck (4)
8 A donkey may go for it (6)
12 Back rents, possibly (5)
13 Individual way home (5)
14 Get out of the way! (5)
15 Garbo's reappearance as Eva? (5)
16 A female's not for burning (5)
18 Looked about five or a little older (5)
19 Robbed of paper money? Indeed not! (7)
21 Expert coming to tea? (6)
22 Where a man turns up after father (6)
23 Watched a top player defeated at last (6)
25 Newspaper featuring trouble (5)
26 Like simple huts with graffiti on the walls? (4)
28 It prevents food getting to the front (3)

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES ON FRIDAY

Bidding style

THE competitive rivalry at Ostend between Israel and Switzerland was particularly keen since R. Kunin, the non-playing captain of the Israeli team, had once been the captain of the Swiss team. The deals below illustrate different bidding styles:

E-W vulnerable

North
♠ 8 3 2
♡ K 7 3
◇ 9 7 6 4 2
♣ 9 7

East (D)
♠ J 5 4
♡ Q J 10 9 8 6
◇ K 10
♣ 5 4

West
♠ A K Q 10
♡ 5 4
◇ J 8 3
♣ Q J 8 2

South
♠ 9 7 6
♡ A 2
◇ A Q 5
♣ A K 10 6 3

The bidding with Israel North-South:

East	South	West	North
P	1♣	P	P
1♠	P	3 NT	All Pass

With the opening lead of the ◇4 Besse of Switzerland was set four tricks for minus 400 points.

The bidding with Stampf-Schwartz of Israel East-West:

East	South	West	North
2♡	2 NT	All Pass	

The opening weak-2 bid prevented any calamity for East West. North-South was set one trick giving Israel an additional 50 points.

Bidding style again helped Israel on this deal:

E-W vulnerable

North (D)
♠ Q 8 6 4 2
♡ K Q 5
◇ Q J 6 5
♣ 6

East
♠ K 10 5
♡ A 10 8 4 3 2
◇ K
♣ 10 7 3

West
♠ J 9
♡ J 9 7
◇ 9 8 4 2
♣ A K Q J

South
♠ A 7 3
♡ 6
◇ A 10 7 3
♣ 9 8 5 4 2

With Israel North-South the hand was passed out.

The bidding with Stampf-Schwartz of Israel East-West:

North	East	South	West
P	P	P	1◇
1♠	2♡	2♠	3♡
P	4♡	All Pass	

Israel lost only two tricks, a ♠ and a ♡. A losing ◇ was discarded on a ♣. This gave Israel a plus score of 650 points. These two deals were primarily responsible for Israel beating Switzerland 14-6. However in the overall ranking Switzerland beat sixth place Israel by four points.

Bridge calendar

Coming Events

Jan. 12: Haifa. Special National Pair Tournament on behalf of "Vaad Lema'an Hahayal." 7.30 p.m. at the Zion Hotel.
Jan. 20: Jerusalem. First Session of the Jerusalem Pair Championship at the Diplomat Hotel at 8.00 p.m.
Jan. 26: Tel Aviv. Opening of the season National Pair Tournament, place to be announced.
Feb. 16-27: Tel Aviv. Ninth Annual International Bridge Festival at the Sheraton Hotel.

Results

Haifa: Hanukka Tournament, three sessions: 1. Kalkstein-Pista, 2. Mr. & Mrs. Basch, 3. Mrs. Schechtermann-Mrs. Kalkstein.
Weekly Duplicate Games, 8.00 p.m.
Ashkelon — Monday, Thursday, Museum.
Beersheba — Monday, Thursday: Beit Ha'am.
Haifa — City: Monday, Thursday: Beit Hagefen. Central Carmel: Sunday, Wednesday: Beit Rothschild. Neve Sha'anan: Tuesday: Beit Abba Khoushi.
Herzliya B — Tuesday: Nordau 50.
Jerusalem — Wednesday: Diplomat Hotel.
Kiryat Haim — Tuesday: Beit Nagler.
Kiryat Tivon — Sunday: Beit Hahistadrut.
Netanya — Monday: Orly Hotel, Thursday: Wizo Hall.
Pardess Hana — Sunday: Wizo Hall.
Rehovot — Monday: Masonic Hall.
Savyon — Sunday: Avia Hotel.
Tel Aviv — Wednesday, Thursday: Dukes Club.

TROUBLE OVER SHAZLY JOB

Report on anti-Semitism may den him post as ambassador in U.K.

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Gen. Shazly

LONDON. — The decision of the Egyptian Government to appoint former Chief of Staff General Sa'ad el Shazly as Ambassador to Britain may run into serious difficulties because of reports about Shazly's anti-Jewish activities while on the staff of the Egyptian Embassy here in 1962.

The "Guardian" reported yesterday that at that time the then-colonel was negotiating with fascist organizations in Britain to plan joint campaigns against Jews in Britain.

Following the detailed revelations, including quotations of letters sent by J.N. Tyndall, national secretary of the National Socialist Movement, to Shazli, the Foreign Office has maintained a discreet official silence. However, off the record it was admitted that "there's many a slip twixt the cup and the lip."

The spokesman for the Egyptian Embassy said that Shazly's appointment and not yet been confirmed.

Tyndall, who is still heading a fascist organization, though now renamed the National Front, confirmed that the letter which the "Guardian" quoted is genuine.

In it he suggested seven projects directed against the Jews. The Egyptian Embassy was to provide funds to the tune of £15,000 in the first trial year. Most of the money, £11,000, was to be spent on a pirate radio station on a boat outside territorial waters which was to beam out anti-Semitic and anti-Israeli propaganda to London and Southern England. Other projects included putting the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" on sale at the National Socialist Movement bookshop.

In his letter Tyndall advocated "the dissolution of the state of rael and the return of the Arab the land of Palestine."

The letter and the seven pr sals followed joint discussions tween Shazly, Tyndall and the ing British neo-Nazi, Colin Jo The meeting of the three took on July 14, 1962, and the l was sent on July 20.

The arrangements and prop were all rudely interrupted by arrest and sentencing of Jo under the Public Order Act having staged a marriage to F coise Dior in a ceremony w involved cutting their ring fin before a swastika-draped table

It is now believed possible the British may quietly ask Egyptians to select someone as their representative in Bri The Saudi Arabia Government fused to accept the British ch of ambassador to Riyadh five y ago, when it was revealed that ambassador designate, Sir Ho Phillips, had Jewish antecedent

COLUMNIST SEES HIERARCHY STRUGGLE

Kremlin division on M.E

WASHINGTON (INA). — There seems to be a division in the Kremlin over whether to exploit the Middle East situation and the oil crisis for immediate short-term gains or to cooperate with the U.S. by helping to achieve an Arab-Israel settlement, "Washington Post" columnist Victor Zorza wrote yesterday.

This apparent struggle within the Soviet ruling hierarchy is reflected in the ambiguous role Moscow plays in the Middle East, says Zorza. On the one hand, according to U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger Russia has been quite helpful in the early stages of the Geneva peace talks. But at the same time, Moscow Radio urges the Arab continue their oil embargo.

Kissinger, says Zorza, refuse discuss publicly the possibility policy split in the Kremlin for of being accused of interferin Soviet internal affairs. But his cent warning that a continuing embargo could lead to world-depression was, according to Z a pointed warning to the Rus that an economic depression w make it impossible for the N Administration to go ahead the large trade deals which Kremlin sees as the main re for detente. As such, it w warning directed to the Kre hard-liners, Zorza suggests.

German arms expert in Iran

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — A top official in the West German Defence Ministry will have an "exchange of information on armaments questions" with Iran's director of military industry, Hassan Toufanian, during a visit to Iran which began last Monday. A Bonn Defence spokesman, confirming this yesterday, said that West German State Secretary Dr. Siegfried Mann, an authority on defence procurements and weapons technology, was officially returning a to Germany by General Toufa last year. At that time the Ger visited a number of weapons tories.

The Defence Ministry confir that Dr. Mann was likely to a "small arms arsenal" set up Iran with German help under agreement going back about years. Under the agreement I delivered the weapons for the senal, such as rifles and mach guns, and provided machiner produce and maintain them.

Cuba ready for U.S. talks if blockade ends

MEXICO CITY (AP). — Cuba is willing to open talks with the U.S. on the re-establishment of diplomatic relations, as soon as Washington lifts its 12-year-old economic blockade against Fidel Castro's regime, a Cuban diplomat said on Monday night. The comment was made by Dr. Fernando Lopez Muino, Cuba's recently-appointed Ambassador to Mexico.

Russians let cellist Rostropovich trave

MOSCOW (AP). — Famed c Mstislav Rostropovich has been lowed to go to Paris, Soviet off said yesterday, ending a three-travel ban imposed on him by viet officials for open suppor novelist Alexander Solzhenitsyn official at Goskoncert, the ag that arranges tours and con by Soviet performers, said Ro povich had left Moscow for I but would give no details.

SAUDI OIL DEAL

(Continued from page 1)

to-state level into the Saudi oil market, hitherto a preserve of American and other international oil companies.

Dealing directly on a government-to-government level is a chief policy objective of President Pompidou, who was working for such an arrangement before the October war broke out.

"You must remember that the oil crisis dates back long before the October war" one official said.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia was reported yesterday to have repeated its threat to blow up its oilfields in case of U.S. military intervention to stop the Arab oil embargo.

The "Arab World," a prestigious daily news digest of Middle Eastern affairs, said the warning was contained in a note sent to the American Government.

It did not say when the note was sent nor did it mention U.S. Secretary of Defence James Schlesinger by name.

But the publication implied the Saudi move was a reaction to Mr. Schlesinger's warning that Arab nations risk increased U.S. public demand for force against then they carry their oil embargo far.

Attributing its report to "tr lers just arriving from Saudi bia," the publication said Faisal's government warned W ington "not to belittle" a state made by Oil Minister Yaman December 22 in Copenhagen that use of force by the U.S. ag Arab oil-producing nations w lead to demolition of Saudi oilf

The "Arab World" quoted travellers as saying Saudi auth ties have already wired all oilf with "explosives that can be off at a moment's notice."

Prince Abdulla Bin Abdul the King's brother and comma of Saudi Arabia's National G forces, was placed in charge this operation, code-named "Op tion Detonation," according to publication.

Among those wired is Ghar described by the publication as largest in the world. It prod 5 million barrels a day of S crude, or 60 per cent of the d nation's pre-embargo produ level. (Reuter, UPI)

AT THE CINEMA

Apes take over

BATTLE FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES (Miron, Haifa), is the fifth and final episode of the very original "Apes" series. The film is directed by J. Lee Thompson ("The Guns of Navarone"), from a story by Paul Dehn.

In this episode, a colony of intelligent, articulate apes dominate a world which has been ravaged by atomic warfare. The survivors of this holocaust 27 years earlier also include a few humans, who are accorded inferior status by the simians. The apes are led by Caesar (Roddy McDowall, appearing in the series for the fourth time), but his benevolent and progressive rule is challenged both by rebellious g las and a group of mutant hum scarred by radiation — these la still inhabit the subterranean r of a nearby city destroyed nuclear attack.

The picture, which also feat Lew Ayres and John Huston, c bines plenty of action with s quite clever philosophical obser tions about the follies of man and ape. Particularly pungent the comment of a human imm ately after murder has been c mitted in the ape community the first time: "I guess you m say they have just joined the man race."

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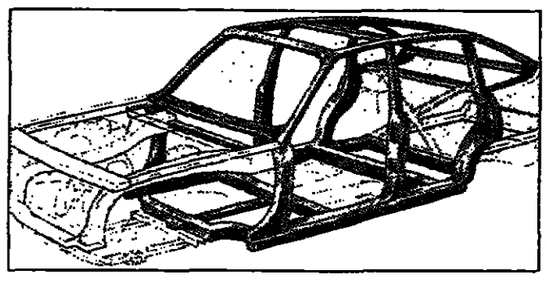

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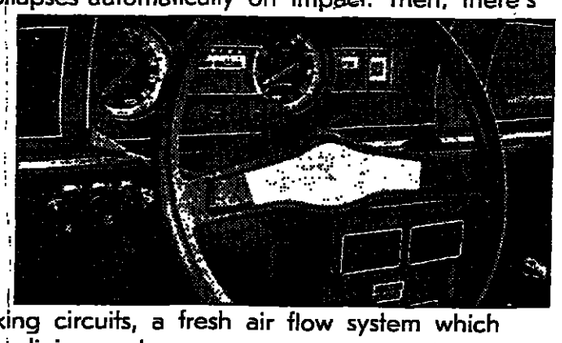

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CALL ON WEST TO CUT PROFITS, TAXES

Oil states say they may halt price rise

GENEVA. — The world's major oil producers will put a halt to rising crude oil prices if Western governments and the big oil companies reduce taxes and resale prices, Iran's Finance Minister Jamshid Amouzegar said here yesterday.

"We want assurances from the industrialized countries that if we limit the price of our oil they will apply strict controls on resale prices in order to protect the consumer," Amouzegar said.

He said the posted price of Middle East crude, which is linked to the value of the dollar, could drop 60 U.S. cents to $11 a barrel on February 1 because of the strengthening of the dollar on world money markets. However, because of the increasing inflation, it had not yet been decided whether to apply the correction in February.

The Iranian Minister was speaking during a break in an extraordinary conference of the 12-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec). He said that Opec was working out details of its quarterly pricing structure, which would take effect from April 1.

The Iranian Minister told newsmen: "We get blamed for all the fuel price increases, but the companies that buy our oil for $7 a barrel are selling it at $15. We believe the oil companies should get only fifty cents (profit) a barrel." Western governments should also cut high taxes they charge on oil products.

In New York, the "Wall Street Journal" reported on Monday that a number of U.S. firms are eyeing Arab lands as sites for factories. The paper said that the Marcona Corp. of San Francisco, for instance, was planning to build a $500m. steel mill in Saudi Arabia in partnership with the Saudi Government, the writer said.

Other firms "are laying plans for production of everything from automobiles to fertilizer in Arab lands, particularly Saudi Arabia. "A U.S. Government official says that since last spring the State Department has seen 30 proposals for joint venture projects in the Middle East.

"For the Arab countries themselves, the lure is instant industrialization." American businessmen were not unaware of the risks — the unpredictability of events in the Middle East, for one thing — "but businessmen also realize that the risks may be necessary if machines are to keep running and if petroleum-based products are to keep rolling off the line."

(UPI, Reuter, INA)

AIRLINE WARNING ON FUEL PRICE

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The airline industry warned the Government to halt the soaring price of jet fuel or the price on an airline ticket would be beyond the reach of millions of travellers.

In a letter to energy chief William E. Simon, the Air Transport Association said that airlines "are concerned that escalating fuel prices could ultimately drive air transportation beyond the reach of millions of citizens to whom it is essential."

Dollar keeps rising

LONDON (UPI). — The U.S. dollar hit new post-devaluation highs in some European money markets yesterday, but declined fractionally in others.

Gold briefly touched an all-time record price of $130 an ounce in early trading on the London bullion exchange, but slipped to $126.50 by mid-afternoon. This still left the price of the metal $4.25 higher than its close on Monday.

The dollar, in what one banker called "a total victory," reached its highest point since the official U.S. devaluation 11 months ago in Paris, Brussels and Vienna, but declined marginally in Frankfurt, Zurich and London.

Some continental bankers said they saw the mixed plateau hit yesterday as only a pause in the dollar's return to grace among international financiers. They said the dollar's climb would only be halted by intervention of central banks and a decision by the U.S. to keep its exports cheap.

In London, the pound, which has been touching unprecedented lows in recent days, recovered slightly against the dollar. By mid-afternoon it was selling at $2.20, up from 2.2195 at the close on Monday.

In Frankfurt the dollar closed at 2.8650 marks, down from 2.8850 marks on Monday.

SECRET REPORT ON EAST GERMANY

Unity blow for Brandt

BONN (AP). — A Government intelligence report detailing East German efforts to undermine reunification with the West was published by a parliamentary opposition leader yesterday.

Heinrich Windelen, the Christian Democratic Party's deputy chief in parliament, said the previously-secret report was a "crushing" blow to Chancellor Brandt's efforts at detente.

The publication of what a Government spokesman acknowledged was a working paper for internal Government use came amid growing tension between the Germanies. Neutral observers felt it would lend weight to critics who charge that Brandt's reunification policy has meant little improvement for Germans in personal terms.

As published by Windelen, the report shows that East German leaders have been using administrative methods to limit the scope of East-West contacts and thus undermine the normalization treaty that took effect last year. It is said that workers at some state concerns are forced to give written pledges to break off correspondence with people in the West, and postmen must report recipients of Western mail.

Pressure is put on East Germans to prevent their making the necessary application for visits by Western friends and relatives.

Rome youth protest 'Superstar' film

ROME (Reuter). — The premiere of the film "Jesus Christ Superstar" opened here last night amid loud protests from groups of Catholic youths shouting that the film was blasphemous.

Police were called to the scene to disperse the youths who tried to get into the theatre where the film was showing to distribute leaflets condemning the rock musical.

SPECULATION OF EARLY ELECTION

Heath says he won't yield

LONDON. — Speaking in a dim and chilly drawing room in No. 10 Downing Street, Prime Minister Edward Heath says he is prepared to keep Britain on a three-day work week at least until Spring, rather than yield to the wage demands of the coal miners.

Interviewed at his official residence by "New York Times" correspondent Alvin Shuster, Heath said the miners already had been offered a "specially favourable deal" and must now settle within the limits of the nation's anti-inflation plan.

The interviewer said Heath "by tone, manner and words reflected an uncompromising mood" in the midst of Britain's worst industrial crisis in years.

Meanwhile, leaders of Britain's 29,000 railroad locomotive drivers met yesterday to consider still tougher action in their month-old slowdown, which has almost halted London's busy commuter services and crippled the national rail network.

Government officials said Prime Minister Heath cancelled a crisis cabinet meeting planned for yesterday morning. They said he was working on a major speech he will deliver when Parliament returns from its Christmas recess for a two-day emergency session today.

London newspapers continued to speculate that Heath soon may dissolve Parliament and order national elections on the issue: "Who runs the country — the labour unions or the elected government?"

This was the situation in Britain in the second week of the three-day work week programme:

- About 915,000 persons were out of work for two days of the week, in addition to 490,000 totally unemployed. Some economists estimate that a million people will be temporarily out of jobs, and industrialist Sir Frederick Catherwood predicted unemployment would hit the three-million mark next month.
- Workers engaged in essential industries exempt from the government restrictions were estimated to total about 9 million of Britain's total 25 million work force.
- Another eight million employees in non-essential industries are covered by guaranteed wages, whether they work or not. But these guarantees are mostly valid for a limited period of up to a month.
- About eight million people working in non-essential or continuous process industries had no guaranteed wage agreement and would qualify for unemployment benefits.
- Only essential industries were allowed to use electric power for a full working week.

(AP, UPI)

'NEW DEMANDS WILL BE TREATED ON MERITS'

Nixon may compromise on tapes

SAN CLEMENTE, California (Reuter). — President Nixon has not rejected the possibility of a compromise with the Senate Watergate Committee over its attempts to obtain presidential tapes and documents about the Watergate scandal, White House officials said yesterday.

The officials tried to dampen speculation that Mr. Nixon has decided to be rock-firm against providing any material to the committee.

Speculation that Mr. Nixon would not cooperate with the committee in any way followed his rejection on Friday of committee subpoenas for more than 500 tapes and documents. The speculation increased this week when presidential spokesman Gerald Warren told a press conference that Vice-President Gerald Ford was stating his own opinion when he said in a television interview that a compromise might be possible.

Senior White House officials, however, said there was no conflict between the positions taken by the White House and Mr. Ford. The officials said the committee subpoenas rejected by the President were a "grab bag" and a "fishing expedition," which gave the President no choice but to reject them.

Any new demand by the committee for tapes and documents would be considered by the White House on its merits, the officials added.

The Senate Watergate committee went to court on Monday with an amended demand for tapes of five presidential conversations about the June 1973 bugging of the Democratic Party headquarters in the Watergate building. The committee's original legal attempt to obtain the five tapes collapsed when Judge John Sirica ruled last year that he did not have the authority to order the President to hand them over to the committee.

Since then, Congress has passed a new law allowing the courts to subpoena the President to provide the tapes to the committee.

Observers believe that if the courts decide Mr. Nixon should hand over the five tapes to the committee, it will be politically more difficult for him to reject the subpoena than it was to turn down the much broader demand for hundreds of tapes and documents.

The tapes contain material already in the hands of Watergate special prosecutors, but if they were passed on to the Senate committee there would be a greater chance of their contents becoming public knowledge.

At one stage, Mr. Nixon was reported by aides to be considering making a summary of the tapes public as part of his effort to convince Americans he was not involved in a cover-up of the bugging scandal. That idea has now apparently been abandoned, for fear his conversations about Watergate might be misinterpreted.

But if the President is confronted by a court order to surrender the tapes to the committee, he would have to weigh carefully the risk of their being made public against the potential political damage of putting himself above the law by non-compliance with the subjoena.

'Sisco to stay in service'

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Joseph Sisco — who announced last month that he was to resign as Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East to become president of Hamilton College — is now to remain in the State Department, according to informed sources. He will be named Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs, it is stated, although officials would not confirm, or deny, the report.

The "Boston Evening Globe" said on Monday that the present Under-Secretary, William J. Porter, would be nominated Ambassador to Canada.

The position of Under-Secretary is the No. 3 post in the State Department and the highest to which a professional foreign service officer can aspire. The Secretary of State and Deputy Secretary of State are political appointments.

AMMAN. — Jordan's known phosphate reserves have risen to 1,000 million tons following recent exploration operations in central Jordan, it was announced here yesterday. Jordan plans to increase annual production to about three million tons by 1975.

American accused in terror arms smuggling

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI). — The Federal Bureau of Investigation on Monday accused Theodore Brown, 31, of organizing a plot to smuggle arms for Arab terrorists through London. Brown, of Santa Barbara, California, was held on $25,000 bail.

An FBI affidavit accused him of recruiting Allison Rae Thompson, 18, to help in the scheme and of buying five automatic pistols which were confiscated when police at London's Heathrow Airport arrested Miss Thompson on December 29 with two men.

An FBI spokesman said the two men, Abdelkbir el-Hakkoual, 25, a Moroccan, and Athar Naseem, 21, a Pakistani, both living in Santa Barbara, played on a soccer team of which Brown was the president and Miss Thompson, a cheerleader.

The charges against Brown could bring up to 12 years in prison and a $35,000 fine.

Meanwhile in London the menace of an Arab missile attack in Britain kept a giant security alert in force yesterday. It was the fourth day that more than 400 heavily armed troops and police formed a steel ring around Heathrow Airport, the suspected target of any terrorist attack.

All three armed forces were on alert, with leave cancelled or curtailed yesterday.

Cambodia launches major attack

PHNOM PENH (Reuter). — Two brigades of Cambodian troops yesterday launched a major counter-attack against anti-government insurgents advancing on Phnom Penh, after more rockets hit the city and its airport during the night.

The military command here gave few details of the government thrust 11 kms. northwest of the city centre, except to say the troops were backed by armoured cars.

Field reports said reinforcements were being pushed to the area north of Pochentong Airport, where fighting has been heavy for two days.

More than 3,000 government troops with 75 armoured vehicles were converging from the north, south and east, the Cambodian command said.

Many of the troops were rushed from other parts of the Phnom Penh defensive perimeter on Monday after the rebels moved within two kilometres of the airport. American sources estimated that about 3,000 Khmer Rouge pushed into the area over the weekend.

VILLAGERS TRAPPED

Thousands of villagers were reported trapped in the battle zone, and there were reports that the Khmer Rouge were holding many of them captive.

Some villagers told of seeing "many, many dead Khmer Rouge" being carried to the rear in oxcarts or two-men slings.

Military sources claimed that government artillery fire and the advancing armour and infantry killed more than 100 rebels on Monday. Field reports said the government's 28th brigade captured about 90 weapons.

Col. Phen Uon, the brigade's commander, said the Khmer Rouge shot about 50 villagers, and estimated another 200 died in the crossfire or in government artillery attacks.

The Khmer Rouge fired three more rockets into Phnom Penh on Monday night, hitting a hospital with one and wounding four patients, according to military sources. The other rockets caused no damage.

NINTH ATTACK

It was the ninth rocket attack on Phnom Penh since December 23.

In a broadcast speech on Monday night President Lon Nol offered rewards to Phnom Penh residents for turning in insurgents dead or alive or for supplying information on their whereabouts inside the capital.

In South Vietnam the Saigon command said Communist gunners shelled Kien Duc in the central highlands with artillery and mortar fire on Monday, killing 10 government soldiers.

Communist ground troops also attacked government positions in the Mekong Delta and in Quang Due Province in the highlands, but each time the attacks were driven back. The command said a total of 27 Communist attackers were killed.

(Reuter, AP)

Soviet sitting on a volcano, says China

TOKYO (AP). — China's official news agency says the Soviet Government is "sitting on a volcano," with its "ruthless suppression" of the people, arousing strong resistance from Soviet citizens.

"Society in the Soviet Union today is by no means 'stable' and 'harmonious,' as Brezhnev and his like describe it," the New China News Agency said yesterday, referring to Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev.

NCNA said that since 1965, the Government has its "machinery of fascist dictatorship," reinforcing the police and special agents. In addition to new prisons, it said, the Soviet Government has set up many labour camps "for the suppression of revolutionary people."

It said lunatic asylums "inflict torments on those opposed to the dark rule of the Soviet revisionists."

'Iran preparing S. Yemen attack'

KUWAIT (Reuter). — Three Kuwait members of parliament yesterday claimed that Iran had put a large military force into southern Oman, backed by British aircraft and heavy artillery, with the aim of destroying the regime in neighbouring South Yemen.

A left-wing deputy, Abdulla al-Nibeiry, gave the alleged strength of the Iranian force as 1,500 or more and at least 25 helicopters, and said 142 troops had been killed or wounded in the operation in Oman's southern province of Dhofar.

The Kuwaiti charges follow earlier allegations from South Yemen of a big Iranian military build-up on its border with the sultanate.

Israel denial on Arab civilians

UNITED NATIONS (UPI). — Israel denied Egyptian allegations on Monday that it forced civilian inhabitants of Arab territories to leave their homes.

Referring to a Security Council letter sent last month by Egyptian Ambassador A. Esmat Abdel Meguid, Ambassador Jacob Doron, deputy chief of the Israeli delegation, said in a letter to the President of the Council:

"Contrary to the baseless allegations made in that letter, no member of the civilian population of the areas concerned was evacuated therefrom, unless he so desired. The Egyptian allegations in this respect are nothing but propaganda efforts, undertaken in a vain attempt to obscure the facts such as they are, and as they could be observed by the representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross who freely visited the area."

Malaysians allowed to fight with Arabs

KUALA LUMPUR (AP). — Malaysian Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak told Parliament yesterday the Government would allow Malaysian volunteers to go to the Middle East and fight on the Arab side if they wanted to. Hundreds of Malaysians volunteered at Arab embassies here during the war.

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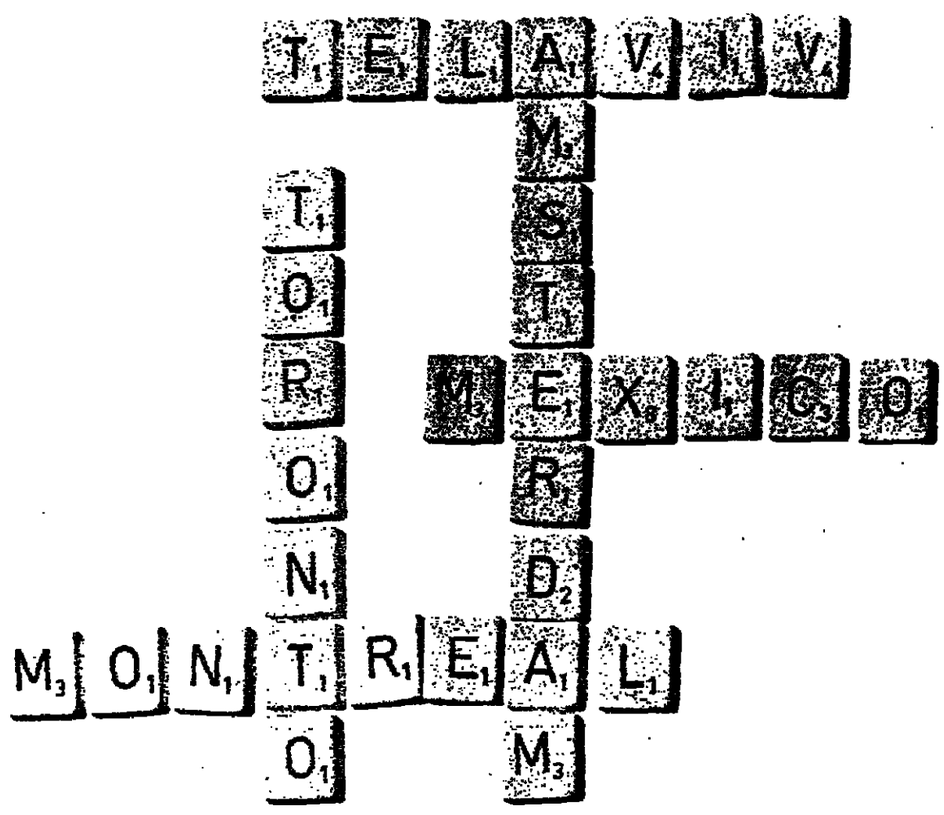

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Wizo Tourist Club, 116 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 232939, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Canadian Hadassah-Wizo Office, 116 Hayarkon, Tel. 227060, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Israel Wax Museum, depicting the "Rebirth of Israel." Shalom Mayer Tower, Tel Aviv, Tel. 57304.
Israel Dental Association, Tel Aviv branch, announces a lecture in English on IMPLANTOLOGY, to be given by Dr. Bernardo Blatt of Mexico City, tonight (Jan. 9) at 8.30 p.m. Hadassah Club, 30 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 56089.

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CINEMAS

JERUSALEM
(4.30, 7.00, 9.00)

ARNON: Perversion Story; **CHEN:** The Raid on the Army; **EDEN:** Stranger in *the High School;* **EDISON:** *Dert Bende;* **HABIRAH:** The Contact; **JERUSALEM:** A Night at the Opera, 7.00; **ORGIL:** How to Catch a Man; **ORION:** Enter the Dragon; **ORNA:** The Neptune Factor; **RON:** What Do You Say to a Naked Lady?; **SEMADAR:** Mary Queen of Scots.

TEL AVIV
(4.30, 7.15, 9.30)

ALLENBY: Charley Varrick; **BEN YEHUDA:** Kill; **CINEMA ONE:** The Dead Are Alive; **CINERAMA:** Battle of the Giants (no matinees); **CHEN:** The Bigamist; **DEKEL:** The Great Race, 6.45, 9.30; **EDEN:** Joe the Boss, 3, 5, 7, 9; **ESTHER:** Blume in Love; **ORDAN:** The Day of the Jackal; **DRIVE-IN CINEMA:** Bagdad, 5.15; Ringo, 7.15; Wedding Night, 9.30; **GAT:** Pete N'Tillie; **GORDON:** Le Grand Blond Avec Une chaussure Noire; **HOD:** The Clay Pigeon; **LIMOR:** The Last of Sheila; **MAXIM:** A Place Called Trinity; **MOGRABI:** Man of the East; **OPHIR:** White Lightning; **ORLY:** Waterloo Bridge; **PEER:** Malizia; **PARIS:** Straight on Till Morning; **RAMAT AVIV:** And Hope to Die, 7.15, 9.30; **STUDIO:** Journal Intime d'Une Demi-Vierge; **TCHELET:** Play It Again Sam; **TEL AVIV:** Emperor of the North Pole; **ZAFON:** The Heartbreak Kid.

RAMAT GAN
(7.15, 9.30)

ARMON: Decameron No. 2, 7.15, 9.30; Winston Doesn't Foget, 4; **HADAR:** The Getaway; **LILI:** To Sir, With Love; *OASIS: The* Death with the Lonely Girl; **ORDEA:** The Fearless Vampire Killers; **RAMA:** Goldfinger, 7.15, 9.30; **RAMAT GAN:** Le Droit d'Aimer.

HERZLIYA

DAVID: Le Circle Rouge, 7.00, 9.15.

PETAH TIKVA

SHALOM: The Ski Raiders, 7.00, 9.15; Charlie Chaplin the Policeman, 3.30.

HAIFA
(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

AMPHITHEATRE: Black Gunn; **ARMON:** Four Flies on Grey Velvet; **ATZMON:** Cleopatra Jones; **BEIT ROTHSCHILD:** The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance; **CHEN:** What Do You Say to a Naked Lady? **MIRON:** Battle for the Planet of the Apes; **MORIAH:** The Getaway; **ORAH:** Fright; **ORION:** Revenge of the Big Boss; **ORLY:** Le Grand Blond Avec Une Chaussure-Noire; **PEER:** The Hospital; **RON:** Buzzanca at High School; **SHAVIT:** The Thief Who Came to Dinner.

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FIRST PROGRAMME
253, 533 and 321 M.

News: 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 a.m., 12 noon, 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 p.m. 12 midnight. 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00 7.00

7.58 a.m. Opening. 8.05 "Musical Anthology, The Jewish Element in European Music. Works by Salomone Rossi, Ernest Bloch, Aaron Copland and Dmitri Shostakovich. 9.05 "Anthology" (cont.). 9.55 English News. 10.05 "From the Archive Treasures" 1668 — about Francois Couperin and his contemporaries. A series of programmes produced by Gideon Rosengarten (Second programme). 10.55 French News. 1.00 News in Easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 11.35 Songs and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 12.65 "Midday Concert" Roussel: Symphony No. 3 in G-minor (Conductor: Andre Cluytens). 1.05 "At midday. 1.35 "Midday Concert"—Weber: Konzertstueck in F-minor for Piano and Orchestra. (Soloist: Margrit Weber): Faure: "Masques et Bergamasques" (Conductor: Serge Bando). 2.05 Mother and Child. 3.05 "First Broadcast" — Dora Schwarzberg (Violin) and Boris Berman (Piano) — Stravinsky: Duo Concertante; Saint-Saens: Etude en forme de Valse. 3.30 Guidance for Teachers. 3.45 "The Treasure of Books. 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.06 The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra (second broadcast in Stereo of last night's concert) Rossini: "Mose," concert performance of the opera. 5.55 5.55 English News. 6.05 A. Allon's Corner. 6.10 "On Work and Workers." 6.40 The Daily Mishna. 6.50 French News. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "This Day." 7.25 Light Music. 7.50 Bible Reading Yeshayahu chaps 19 and 20. 8.05 "Here at Home." 8.45 Cantorial Requests programme. 9.35 "World of Science." 10.05 Chamber Music — The New Israel Quartet: Mendelssohn: String Quartet No. 1 opus 12; Schubert: String Quartet in G-minor. 11.05 "This Night." 11.25 Artists of Yesterday" (Second Broadcast), The Pianist Dinu Lipatti. A programme produced by Paul Landan. 12.05 A Moment of Poetry. 12.08 Close Down. 2.05-5.00 Songs and tunes. 5.05-8.00 Same as second programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME.
457, 423, 256, 249, 355 and 349.5 M.

News: 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00 11.00, noon, 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, midnight, 1.00, 2.00 3.00

5.05 a.m. Hebrew songs. 5.55 Religious Services. 6.05 Exercises. 6.15 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew 7.05 "This Morning." 7.25 "Hebrew Songs." 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.55 Names and Events in the Headlines. 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.). 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "Smile" — Songs and sketches. 1.05 "At Midday." 1.25 Hebrew songs. 2.05 This is Ehud Manor. 3.05 Popular Songs — Regards. 3.53 Encore — ed. by S. Rozen. 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.08 "Applauses for George Mustaki." 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 "Applauses for George Mustaki." 5.05 "Once Upon A Time" — children's songs and fables. 6.05 "Songs from Father's Home." 6.45 Today's sport. 9.05 Hebrew songs. 9.30 Jazz. 10.05 "The Weekly Column" (repeat). 11.05 "This Night. 11.25 Old favourites — regards. 1.05-3.00 Songs and tunes.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.

6.58: Opening. 7.00 News. 7.25 Song and Melody. 8.00 News. 8.05 Song and Melody.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE

5.30 News. 5.32 My Friend Flicka. 6.00 Songs. 6.05 Cartoons. 8.00 Family Affair. 8.30 Mabat. 9.00 "Kinor David" — Prize Award Ceremony to the year's best artists. 9.50 "The Bishop's Wife" — film. 11.35 News.

Educational: 8.15 A game on word 7-8. 9.05 Maths 8. 10.00 English 8. 10.20 English 7. 10.45 Story. 11.05 Biology 9. 11.35 English 8. 12.00 Algebra 10. 12.20 Geometry 6. 12.40 Film. 1.00 Art. 1.25 Science-physics 7. 1.45 Literature. 2.10 Technical Drawing 9. 4.00 Story. 4.10 Songs. 4.20 English 9. 4.40 Youth Games. 5.00 Technical Drawing.

Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.33 "The Lost Peace" — Documentary. 7.00 Poetry. 7.05 Miami. 7.30 News.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
457, 423, 256, 249, 355 and 349.5 M.

7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew 7.15 Georgian 7.30 Yiddish 8.00 Ladino 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian 8.45 Russian 9.00 Close Down

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES
7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves);
9.55 a.m. (1st programme);
1.30-2.00 (4th programme and short waves);
5.55 p.m. (1st programme);
8.30-8.45 p.m.;
10.00-10.45 p.m. (short wave).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES
7.15 a.m. (5th programme and short waves);
10.55 a.m. (1st programme)
2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
6.50 p.m. (1st programme)
8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme):
12.00-1.00 a.m. (short wave)
1st Programme — 256, 522 and 2[illegible]
4th Programme — 407, 445 and 2[illegible]
3rd Programme (Short Waves) — 16, [illegible] 25, 31, 33, 41 and 49 M.

GALEI ZAHAL

News: Every hour on the hour. 6.05 Early Morning Tunes 6.55 For Soldiers and their Families 7.05 Morning Tunes. 7.55 Programme Trailer 8.05 Zahal's Diary. 8.30 Requests. 10.55 With No[illegible] than Donewitz. 11.05 Warm and Tasty Regards. 11.55 "Movement Order." 12.05 Zahal's Diary. 12.30 Warm and Tasty. 1.30 "Who Wins and Who Loses." 1.55 Warm and Tasty. 1.55 Announcements. 2.05 Light entertainment with Mani Peer and Revital Amit. 2.30 Quiz 2.55 Programme Trailer. 3.05 Entertainment (cont.) "Questions for a Moment." 4.35 Entertainment (cont.). 5.05 Zahal's Diary 5.40 Tunes for Everybody — Greetings. 8.05 "Noah's Ark." 7.05 "By Request" 9.05 Cinema Magazine. 10.05 Tonight with Yaakov Agmon. 11.53 Midnight talk. 12.05 Zahal's Diary. 12.30 "Night Birds" with Uri Lotan and Pnina Bat Zvi. 3.05 Tunes in the Night.

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Chase Bank refutes Senate stock study

NEW YORK (UPI). — The Chase Manhattan Bank on Monday called misleading a Senate study saying it and other major New York banks hold enough stock in competing corporations to dominate entire industries.

"As a bank, we're not allowed by law to hold a single share of stock," said a spokesman for Chase.

"All the shares of stock we hold in trust or in custody for other people are owned by these people, not by Chase Manhattan Bank. And for many of these shares, we do not have voting rights.

"So the concept that we have control of these companies when we are simply acting as custodian for their stock owned by others is simply incorrect," the spokesman said.

The report, entitled "Disclosure of Corporate Ownership," was the result of a two-year Senate investigation.

The report said the leading 324 U.S. firms were dominated by eight institutions, including four other New York City banks: Morgan Guaranty, Bankers Trust, First National City, and Bank of New York. In addition to the banks, the main stockholders in America's largest corporations include an agency of the New York Stock Exchange — Cede and Co. — and the biggest brokerage firm in the U.S. — Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith.

The 419-page report, "Disclosure of Corporate Ownership," was published by two Senate subcommittees headed by Senators Lee Metcalf, Dem.-Montana, and Edward Muskie, Dem.-Maine.

EL AVIV STOCKS

Market rise continues

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EL AVIV. — Stocks continued neir upward climb yesterday, and ne turnover was IL690,700. Among ne market leaders were: IDB up nree to 155 (26,000), Bank Leumi p one to 251.5 (32,000), Cables up hree to 170 (18,000), and Wolfson-lore-Mayer up one to 90 (14,000). ladera Paper rose by nine points to 284 (12,500), after its counterpart shares in New York rose earlier this week by three-quarters of a dollar.

Index-linked bonds continued to rise, in the main. Turnover was IL9,031,800.

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ank Hapoalim—10%	b	317	318
ank Leumi—"A"	r	251.5	250.5
ORTGAGE BANKS			
en. Mortgage Bank	b	204	203.5
armel Mortg. & Inv.	b	128	128
ank Binyan	b	220	220
ev. & Mortg. Bank	b	233	233
ousing Mortg. Bank	b	169	169
efahot 8%	b	203	203
efahot	b	197	198
PECIALIZED			
INANCIAL			
NSTITUTIONS			
d. & Dev. Bank 8%	r	68	68.5
assneh Insurance	b	194	193
shar—"C"	b	221.5	215.5
OMMERCIAL			
ERVICES & UTILITIES			
otor House	b	67.5	67.5
elek C.	r	145.5	144.5
old Storage—IL10	r	160	148
rael Electric Corp.	r	55	55
ghterage & Supply	r	161.5	158.5
AND, BUILDING			
EVELOPMENT			
ND CITRUS			
sorim	r	180.5	176.5
frica Isr. IL10	r	256.5	256.5
sr. Land Dev.	b	159.5	159.5
Solel Boneh—10%	b	129.5	126
Property & Build.	r	184.5	184
Isras	b	142	141.5
Mehadrin	r	193	190.5
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	r	86.5	87
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	135.5	135.5
Neot Aviv	r	85.5	84
Pri Or Ltd.	r	160.5	157.5
Rassco—8%	r	81	79
Rassco—O.	r	62	61
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	490	490
Elco—2.5	b	99	98
Electra—5	r	190	188.5
"Argaman"—8%	b	285	285
"Ata"—C	r	114.5	114.5
Dubek	b	326	337
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	170	167
Teva	b	1140	1165
Chem. & Phophates	r	52	52
Lewin Epstein	b	58.5	55.5
Moller Textile	r	185	173
Phonecia—8%	b	97.5	94
Paper Mills	r	284	275
Assis "B"	r	305	305
Nechustan	b	235	235
Shemen—8%	b	119	121
"Taal" Plywood	b	201	183
Elite (A)		271	268
INVESTMENT &			
HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	76.5	73.5
Ellern	b	151.5	147
Israel Central Trade	r	198	198
Bank Hapoalim	b	225	220
Pax	b	90.5	90.5
Wolfson IL10	b	90	89
Ampa	r	110	110
Discount Bank	b	194	192.5
United Mizrahi	b	99.5	99.5
Bank Leumi	r	182	181
Piryon Investment	r	89	91
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	80.5	76
Export Bank	b	58.5	58.5
Clal Investment	r	180	180
Clal Industries	r	177	177
FUEL & OIL			
Naphta OTC	r	69.5	68
Lapidoth OTC	r	133.5	133

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WALL STREET

Closing Tuesday, January 8, 1974

Sharp drop in prices

NEW YORK (AP). — Stock prices moved sharply lower yesterday amid renewed fears of inflation and the effects of the escalating price of crude oil, brokers said.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials was down more than 10 points half an hour before the close, and declining issues held a two to one lead over gainers on the New York Stock Exchange.

In the news yesterday, the Labour Department announced a sharp December increase in wholesale prices, while the Libya Government announced the unprecedented price of $20 a barrel for some of its oil.

Motel chains and other issues exposed to the energy crisis were lower as the effects of oil shortages and gasoline high prices worried investors. Gold mining issues were higher as gold bullion prices rose on overseas markets.

The Dow Jones index of 30 industrial stocks closed down 15.07, at 861.78.

ireo Inc	14¾	Cont Can	21¾	John Joh	18¼	Roan Sel	6
lcan Alu	39⅛	Cont Oil	54½	John Man	99⅝	Rockwell Int	26½
llied Ch	50⅞	Cont Tel	18	Jon Lau	19⅝	Royl D	34¼
llied Str	20¾	Cont Data	34	Kais Alum	23	Russ Tog	9⅝
llis Chal	9⅝	Corning	70	Kenn Cop	46	Safeway	37¼
Alcoa	76¼	CPC Intl	28⅝	Koppers	50	Schering	63¾
m Airlin	8⅛	Crane Co	16¾	Libb O Fd	29¼	Scott Pap	16
m Bdcst	23¼	Crown Cork	22⅛	Liggt My	32⅝	Sears Roe	88¼
mer Can	27¾	Crwn Zell	37⅞	Litton Ind	7¼	Shell Oil	67⅜
Cyan	19½	Dan River	8½	Lockheed	4	Singer Co	38⅝
Home	35⅝	Deere Co	43⅞	LTV Corp	11⅝	Smits KF	52½
Mtl Clx	52	Dist Seag	43	Macy RH	18½	Sony	20⅝
mer Mot	8¾	Dow Chem	56¼	Magnvox	8¼	South Ry	49⅝
Smelt R	24⅛	Dress Ind	66	Mfrs Han	37⅞	Sperry Rnd	39¼
m Stand	12	Dupont	165½	Marath	51⅛	St Brands	48⅝
mer T & T	50¼	East Airlins	6⅛	Marcor	19¾	St Oil Cal	84⅝
AMF Inc	19⅜	E Kodak	105⅝	Marsh Fd	18	Std Oil Ind	108⅝
mpex	3¾	Eaton	27⅞	Martin Mar	14⅛	Std Oil Oh	80⅝
naconda	29⅛	El Paso NG	15⅜	Matsush	14⅛	Sterl Drug	25
ASA Ltd	82¾	ESB	26¼	McDon D	15⅜	Stu Wor	32⅜
tl Rich	108¾	Esmark	26⅛	Merck	74½	Sun Oil	59⅜
vco	7¼	Exxon	95	Minn MM	74	Teledyne	13⅝
Beckman	31⅜	Fair Cam	48	Mobil Oil	53¼	Tenneco	24½
Bell How	23	Firestone	14⅛	Monogm	5	Texaco	30⅝
Bendix	34⅞	Fst N City	40⅞	Monsan	63¼	Texas Gulf	34⅜
Benguet	3⅝	Fluor Cp	54	Moor McCor	15⅜	Texas Instru	97½
Beth Stl	34⅞	Fd Fair	7½	Morgan J	85½	Textron	19½
Boeing Co	11⅜	Ford Mot	40½	Nabisco	88	Transwair	13⅞
Bois Cas	14½	Gen Dynam	21⅞	Nat Cash R	31¼	TriCon	26⅜
Borg War	19¾	Gen Elect	62⅛	Nat Distil	12⅞	TRW Inc	20
Braniff	9½	G Fds Corp	24¼	Nat Indust	12⅜	Twent Cent	6⅝
Brist My	44	Gen Mills	54¼	Nowest Air	17½	UAL Inc	20½
Brunswck	13½	Gen Mot	47⅛	Occ Pet C	10⅝	Unil Ltd	26¼
Burl Ind	21⅞	Gn Tel El	25⅛	Olin Corp	13⅜	Unil NV	40¼
Burroughs	181¾	Gen Tire	14⅞	Otis Elev	36⅜	Un Carbide	34⅝
Camp Sp	31⅝	Genesco	5⅞	Owen Ill	31¼	Uniroyal	8¼
Cdn Pac	17⅝	Georgia	38½	Pac Ga El	23¼	Unit Aircraft	28⅝
Canal R	12	Getty O	164½	Panam W A	4⅞	Unit Brands	8⅝
Castle Cke	16⅝	Gillette	34⅞	Penn Centrl	4⅜	US Indust	8½
Cater Tr	66½	Goddric	15¾	Pepsi Co	70⅝	US Steel	38¼
Celanese	28⅞	Goodyr	15⅝	Pfizer	40¼	US Tobac	13¾
Cerro Cp	16⅜	W R Grace	34⅝	Phelps D	48	UV Ind	34⅜
Chase Manh	65⅝	Grt A & P	10	Phil Morr	109¼	War Lam	33⅞
Chem NY	47	Gulf Oil	24¼	Phil Petro	68	Wells Far	24
Chessie Sys	58¼	Gulf Wn	24¾	Polaroid	66	Wn Un	15¾
Chrysler	15⅛	Hew Pack	74¼	Proct GM	87⅝	Westg Elec	25⅝
Cities Svc	55⅛	Honywel	76⅞	Qukr Oat	31	Weyerhs	39½
Coca-Cola	119	Howmet	14¾	Rabystos M	40¼	Woolworth	18
Colg Pal	22⅞	IBM	228	Ralston P	21⅝	Xerox Co	110⅝
CBS	28	Int Harv	25⅞	RCA	18⅜	Zenith Rad	25⅝
Colu Gas	26⅝	Int Nickel	37½	Revere Cop	8¼		
Colum Pict	2⅞	Int Paper	52⅞	Reyn Ind	42		
Con Edis	19⅝	Int T & T	27½	Reyn Met	20¼		

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE
Tuesday's Rates

SPOT RATES

Dollar	2.2285/95	per £
DM	2.8800/25	per $
Swiss Fr.	3.4260/4310	per $
French Fr.	501/502	per $
French Fin.	517/519	per $
Lire	637/638½	per $
Belgian Fr.	43.60/65	per $
Yen	299.90/95	per $

Gold price: $127/129

FORWARD RATES

	1 Mo.	3 Mos.	6 Mos.
£ $	2.2113/33	2.1835/55	2.1505/25
DM $	2.8895/945	2.9060/115	2.9130/195
Sw.F./$	3.4350/400	3.4480/590	3.4520/750

Driver,
Not everyone can serve at the front but everyone can give a lift to soldiers from the front!

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS NEAR RECORD LEVEL

U.S. wholesale prices soar

WASHINGTON (AP). — A new surge in food prices combined with exploding fuel costs to drive wholesale prices in the U.S. at near-record levels in December, the U.S. Government reported Tuesday.

December's increase brought wholesale prices to a level 18.2 per cent above a year ago, closing out 1973 with the worst record in more than 25 years.

The Labour Department said the wholesale price index rose 2.2 per cent last month on a seasonally adjusted basis, and 2.5 per cent on an unadjusted basis.

Wholesale prices, which fell in September and October, began climbing in November as the inflationary effects of the fuel shortage and the Arab oil cut-off began to show their impact on the economy.

Prices of farm products, processed foods and feed reversed a three month decline and rose sharply in December by 1.4 per cent, the report said.

Consumer foods, those bought by suppliers ready for the supermarket, rose five-tenths of one per cent on a seasonally adjusted basis and showed a 1.3 per cent rise before seasonal pricing patterns were taken into account.

The explosive increase in energy prices that began in November continued last month, but at a more moderate level.

Wholesale prices of fuels and other energy products jumped 12.3 per cent following November's record increase of 19.3 per cent.

Leading the big rise in energy prices were costs of middle distilate fuels, mostly home heating oil, up 27 per cent, and light distillate fuels, mostly kerosene, which rose 29 per cent.

Wholesale petrol prices jumped another 17 per cent in December, following a record 34.7 per cent increase the previous month. Crude oil prices were up 5 per cent, electric power 1.8 per cent, and coal seven tenths of one per cent.

World commodity markets feel effect of Arab funds

LONDON (AP). — Monetary uncertainties set off by the world hike in oil prices could force other commodity prices still higher, European Economic Community diplomats predicted yesterday.

European government sources, now in London for a series of international commodity negotiations, believe that the new-found wealth of the Arab oil-producing nations will seek new investment outlets.

Informants said the Arab oil nations already have sent the price of gold spiralling and could turn to other metals, building up large resources whose prices they could dictate, as they have done with oil.

They said that they foresee a five-year bonanza for the developing nations, producing not only hard commodities like tin, copper and rubber, but in the soft commodity trade involving coffee, sugar and cocoa.

Already, the London market has been seething with rumours that some Arab countries are contemplating the financing of a copper buffer stock planned by the world's major producing nations outside the U.S.

This buffer stock would absorb all excess copper produced by the mining nations and keep it in store to keep prices up.

Besides constituting a sound investment, any move to support the price of raw materials would give the Arab nations a political edge over the other developing nations of the Third World.

A British official said the Arab moves could boomerang should they push world commodity prices too high. He said the present commodity price levels are about as high as they were during and for some years after the Korean War, and the world learned to live with them.

Amcor discount for Olim

In response to the introduction on January 1, 1974 of new regulations on duty-free imports, Amcor-Ampa has introduced special arrangements for the benefit of new immigrants.

In addition to exemption from purchase tax, new immigrants will now receive a discount of 10 per cent on the company's products, except refrigerators, the company announced this week.

Amcor, the largest electrical appliance maker in the country, makes refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, fans, washing machines, cooking stoves, radio and television receivers, kitchen hoods, mixers, irons, domestic oil heaters, electric storage heaters, vacuum cleaners and hot water boilers.

Amcor has instructed its marketing company, Ampa, to give priority to filling orders placed by new immigrants, including orders for refrigerators, the appliance most in demand.

Immigrants can obtain advice and guidance at all Ampa branches throughout the country, and at the company's main branches in Tel Aviv (16 Derech Petah Tikva), Haifa (Kikar Ampa), and Jerusalem (30 Jaffa Road).

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

CHICAGO. — The Board of Directors of Standard Oil Company (Indiana) has approved for 1974 the largest capital and exploration budget in the company's history, $1,400m. John E. Swearingen chairman of the board announced. The 1974 budget, approximately a third larger than 1973's, allocates just under $1,000m. for projects to develop new supplies of energy. Of this amount, about $670m. will be expended on energy resource acquisition and development in North America.

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PITTSBURGH. U.S. Steel Corp. announced on Monday it would increase the price for its tin-mill products by an average of eight per cent and galvanized sheet by an average of 4½ per cent, both effective on February 16.

Tin products are used mostly in the manufacturing of containers and represent just slightly more than one per cent of U.S. Steel's total product revenues, the firm said.

TOKYO. — Japan's validated exports in December 1973 totalled $3,834m., up 1.2 per cent from November and 22.1 per cent from a year earlier, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Miti) said yesterday. Miti said the unusually poor showing for exports in December is indicative of the effects of the oil crisis in such forms as the shortage of ships to transport the goods and switchover of export industries to production for the home market.

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LIMA. — The biggest copper deposits of cuajone in southern Peru will begin to operate within three years and more than half of the financing has been assured, according to local business sources. Recently, the U.S.-owned Southern Peru Copper Corp. signed an agreement in London with several banking institutions to obtain a $200m. loan to continue development works in the copper fields.

Tanaka tours S.E. Asian trade sphere

By YUKO NAKAMIKADO

TOKYO (Reuter). — Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka set out on a South-east Asian tour on Sunday hoping to counter uneasiness over Japan's economic presence and to strengthen ties of economic cooperation and friendship.

The countries he is visiting are all members of the Association of Southeast Asian nation (ASEAN) and send more than 20 per cent of their exports to Japan.

In turn, the five ASEAN nations — the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia — are major export markets and suppliers of raw materials for Japan, and receive about 50 per cent of Japan's total external development assistance.

The 10-day tour of the area is the first by a Japanese Prime Minister in more than six years. It has taken on added urgency following the Arab oil crisis and the threat of possible world economic recession.

Mr. Tanaka told a New Year press conference that Japan had no intention of dominating Asia economically and this was one of the messages he wanted to convey during his present tour. He wanted to strengthen economic co-operation with the ASEAN countries and seek stabilised sources of resources for Japan.

Mr. Tanaka was in the Philippines yesterday and goes from there to Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and finally he returns to Tokyo on January 17.

The chief Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mr. Mizuo Kuroda, said that the objectives of the tour were to impress leaders of the ASEAN countries that Japan regards her relations with Asia as a mainstay of her diplomacy; to remove bilateral problems that might be souring relations and to explore appropriate regional co-operation for the benefit of Southeast Asian countries.

Lon cosmetics exports $800,000

YERUHAM. — Shai Kopilovitz, general manager of Lon United Biochemical Laboratories, here, said this week that the company's exports in 1973 amounted to $800,000. The export forecast for 1974 is $2m.

The company's products are exported to the U.S., the U.K., Eastern Europe and the Far East. The special feature of Lon cosmetic products is that natural mineral substances, obtained from Dead Sea springs, are used in their manufacture.

Lon's total output in 1973 exceeded IL10m.

The Yeruham plant employs 50 people, and the total work force of the company is 120. The Yeruham plant occupies an area of 3,000 sq.m. An additional wing of 1,500 sq.m. is now to be erected.

John Kukavina works 500 metres above Chicago, supervising construction of a television antenna atop the 110-story Sears Tower, the tallest building in the world. (UPI)

ARAB-NORWEGIAN TANKER FLEET

OAPEC moves into oil transportation business

The Arab oil exporters are, as a group, investing in a tanker fleet, probably in conjunction with the Norwegians. This will be based on Bahrain, along with the joint OAPEC drydock project. Thus the international oil companies will eventually be edged out of the tanker business just as they are now being edged out of the oil production business. After that the natural move would be for the oil states to get into downstream oil refining and marketing and into petrochemicals, as the Iranians are already doing.

These developments are expected to provide a better inflation-hedged return than bank deposits or even office blocks in American cities, but do nothing to help the Arabs to diversify out of oil while the going is good, and the oil companies can tell them how easy it is to lose money on petrochemicals. The risks rise the further from the crude. More logical are the less glamorous investments in cement, steel-rolling mills, electricity, hotels and communications, infrastructure and irrigation that are still the popular favourites.

Most radical of all could be a deliberate attempt to green the desert by pouring oil money into the hugely expensive process of desalination, backed by dams and other water conservation projects, notably in Saudi Arabia, where six desalination plants are being built, and where at present only 0.2 per cent of the land area, much of it potentially very fertile, is now under cultivation. This needs to be done before proceeding to the next step of heavy industry, and Saudi Arabia is perhaps the only Arab country with the resources to contemplate recovering the desert on a scale that really would make a difference to the face of the Arab world and roll back a millennium of neglect.

(The Economist)

Gold kilo hits IL20,000 on Lilienblum Street

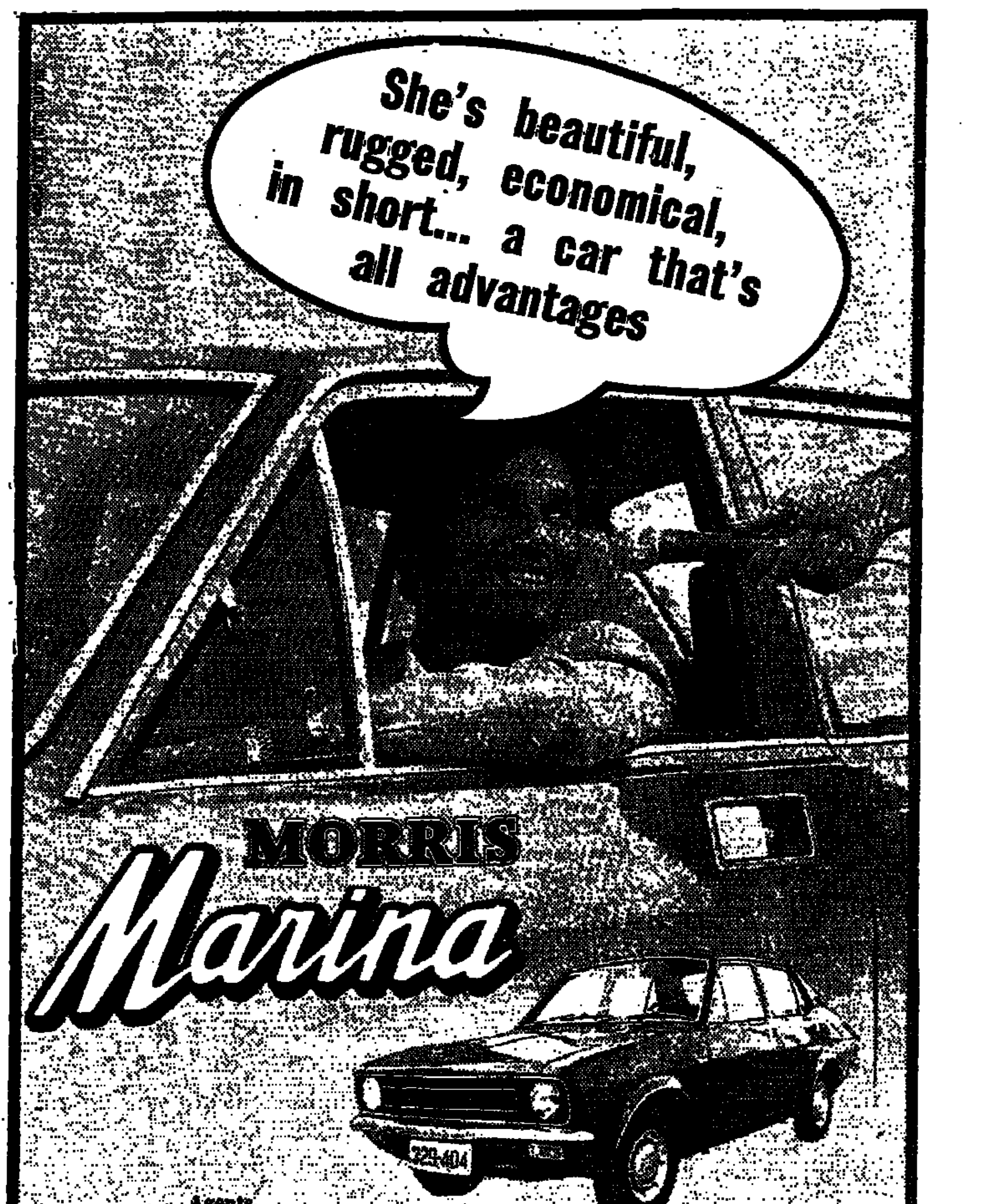
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The price of a kilogram of gold in Lilienblum Street yesterday reached IL20,000 — setting a new record. The "dealers" explain that the sharp rise in price — it was selling for only IL17,000 a short while ago — is due to a parallel rise in Europe.

The rise is attributed to the uncertainty of most European currencies.

The dollar also continued to rise yesterday in Lilienblum Street, and passed the IL5.10 mark. There was a new element to the sharp demand: rumours that the Government will stop issuing index-linked bonds. If this happens, the best hedge against inflation will be the purchase of foreign currency and gold.

RUMANIAN JEWISH writer Yitzhak Peiz is this year's winner of the Jewish National Fund's IL4,000 Ya'acov Groper Literary Prize. The 75-year-old writer is expected to come from Bucharest for the award ceremony.



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DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on the recommendation of the Directors, the Annual General Meeting of the Company held on December 30, 1973 sanctioned the payment of the undermentioned gross dividends, namely:

6% on the Ordinary Shares for the year ended March 31, 1973; and

6% on the "A" Shares for the year ended March 31, 1973, plus 3.105%, being 10% of the arrears of dividend accrued to March 31, 1965, on the said shares.

Dividends will be paid on February 15, 1974 to shareholders on the Share Register at that date.

The Share Registers will be closed from February 1, 1974 to February 15, 1974, both days inclusive.

Shareholders who have changed their address but have not notified the Company are requested to do so immediately (P.O.B. 212, Jerusalem).

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
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Secretary

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STEMMING OIL ANARCHY

A FEW days after the U.S. Secretary of Defence warned that denying oil to the world could lead the Arab states into trouble, perhaps of a military nature, Vice-President Gerald Ford yesterday warned that the Arab oil boycott could boomerang by cutting into food imports which the Arab states need.

These statements came as it was reported that President Nixon may soon convene a conference of the western oil-consuming countries in order to try to work out a common oil policy.

It is not clear whether the statements indicate a new stiffening in Washington to Arab oil policy, but if Mr. Nixon does call together such a conference it would be a new departure. For it has long been clear — even before the Arab boycott was announced — that the only way in which the western oil-consuming nations could counter the huge price rises that appeared in the offing was to forge a common front.

Unfortunately the prospects of such a common policy do not appear bright. The boycott and fear of shortage showed, for example, that in Europe even the ties and commitments of the Common Market were insufficient to keep European nations, especially Britain and France, from scurrying to make their own private deals with the Arab oil producers at the expense of their other European allies.

If the call for partnership was scored in Europe, the chance that countries like Britain and France will be prepared to fall in behind the United States appear slim indeed.

In fact, the hysteria caused by the Arab oil boycott, especially the publicity it was able to achieve, only served the real purpose of the producing states — which was to jack up oil prices. For the evidence for the boycott, or at least for a significant slow down in oil shipments, is not at all clear.

According to some experts Saudi Arabia and Kuwait did cut shipments to a degree, but the other Arab oil producers kept the pipes open and even increased the flow.

However, the threat of a slow down was skilfully manipulated to create panic and lay the ground for the enormous price rises that have occurred. These rises will effect the entire world economy in still unforeseen ways — with recession and unemployment looming as genuine possibilities in defiance of what economists considered not possible only a few short months ago.

Unless some discipline and readiness to respect the mutuality of international trade is restored, the present anarchy could spread not merely to other commodities, but to the very roots of international political stability.

ISRAEL PRESS

The disengagement talks

Davar (Histadrut) says that at present Egypt stands to lose rather than gain from any attempt to slow down the progress of the talks. It would be well-advised, therefore, not only to desist from its military pressure, which threatens to put an end to the cease-fire, but also to take the political steps necessary to ensure that the talks themselves are not torpedoed by Arab extremists such as Col. Gaddafi.

Ha'aretz (non-party) says the fact that the military working group has agreed to another meeting later in the week may indicate that the settlement terms discussed by Dayan and Kissinger have not been rejected outright. We would do well, however, to await the decision from Cairo, for it is on this more than on the U.S. Government, that the fate of the talks now hang.

Omer (Histadrut) agrees that, far-reaching as the Israeli proposals may be, the Egyptians may be deluded into taking them as a point of departure for even greater concessions. If the Egyptians are interested in a successful outcome, they would do well to assess our offer realistically.

Hatzofe (National Religious) hopes intra-party differences regarding the formation of the new coalition will be ironed out, for it is on the NRP that the future of the government will depend.

FOREIGN PRESS

A change of generations

The Times (London): What is needed in Israel is less a change of parties in government than a change of generations. Such a change is, of course, inevitable in the long run, but it needs to come quickly if the chance of peace is not to be lost. The call for a new leadership after the October war came from inside the Labour party as well as outside and now that the election is over it is sure to be renewed. Mrs. Meir herself is said to be more than ever anxious for a well earned retirement. Her party has lost votes to doves as well as hawks. The case for a new leadership which can combine strength with flexibility is surely overwhelming.

The Financial Times (London): The Israeli electorate's overwhelming preoccupation with security and defensible borders will have been only partly responsible for the gains made by the right. The other important factor has been disillusionment with the Labour leadership and the domination of the party machine by a small number of veteran politicians. At the very least it can be said that the Israeli political scene is in a state of flux and that the formation of a strong government will be difficult to achieve. The odds are that another election will have to be held.

Street scene in the development town of Kiryat Shmona. (Brazn)

ELECTION ANALYST SAYS:

Oriental community shifts clearly towards the Likud

By Malka Rabinowitz

Oriental-community support is shifting markedly towards the Likud while Labour increasingly attracts the more affluent voter of European origin:

Votes "lost" to eleven small parties muffled the real results of last month's Knesset poll.

These are the two significant findings in the 1973 poll, according to election analyst Hanoch Smith, a former Government official who now heads his own consulting firm in Jerusalem.

Likud — or more precisely the Herut component of it — always had a strong following among voters of the Oriental communities in the poorer neighbourhoods of large cities.

That preference, says Smith, has now penetrated the development towns settled by North African immigrants in the '50s, which initially tended to support the party in power — i.e., Labour.

The trend to Likud intensified in Jerusalem's low-income quarters — Nahlaot, Mahane Yehuda, Musrara and some of the Katamonim. *Likud's strength there rose to 43* per cent of the total (from 37 per cent four years ago) while Labour plummeted from 32 to 21 per cent.

Tel Aviv's Oriental-community neighbourhoods gave a milder boost to Likud (up three per cent from 1969 to a total of 41 per cent) and slapped Labour down from 41 to 32 per cent. But at the other end of the city, Labour maintained its strength: affluent North Tel Aviv gave it 41 per cent, only two per cent less than in 1969. There was no change at all if Shulamit Aloni's two per cent is considered part of the Labour-oriented vote (Likud won only 34 per cent here, a rise of one per cent from 1969).

There was no generation gap in the Likud vote — the army in fact gave it 41.5 per cent, over 12 per cent more than the civilians did: Labour ran about even in both sectors, in the vicinity of 40 per cent. Smith notes, parenthetically, that the army vote was far less significant numerically in 1969, but Likud ran ahead of its civilian *showing then too.*

Every year sees fifty or sixty thousand young voters added to the electoral poll, the bulk of them from Oriental communities. Barring a reversal of the present trend, the gap between Labour and Likud will thus continue to narrow.

Votes shifted far more than reflected in the ultimate distribution of seats in the House which, at its inaugural session later this month, will look much like its predecessor. This is less a result of the Bader-Ofer ruling, which distributes surplus votes in a way that favours the large parties, than because 11 parties failed to win a required minimum of one per cent of the vote. The 11 that failed garnered 4½ per cent of the vote. But their ballots were dropped out of the reckoning, leaving the 10 remaining successful parties to divide up the Knesset's 120 seats. (Later, Bader-Ofer gave Likud an extra two seats and the Alignment one.)

Only 7 seats

Counting Shulamit Aloni, Moked and the three small Arab lists, the small parties together won just under 11 per cent of the vote. By simple numerical distribution this *should have given them thirteen* seats in the Knesset. Instead, they got seven (Aloni 3, Moked 1 and the Arab lists 3).

Merely by pairing with a list of similar ideological complexion, says Smith, the unsuccessful parties would have made it to the Knesset chamber. Both Panther lists together easily passed the one per cent barrier. The same applies to Rabbi Kahane's League and Avner Shaki, both of whose votes came from orthodox sectors. Moked and Meri between them would have won two seats instead of the one Moked obtained alone. The Beduin split from a traditional Arab list with the result that three seats went to three Arab parties — instead of four seats to two.

In 1969, only three parties flunked the one per cent test and their total showing amounted to only one per cent of the vote.

It was this decimation in the ranks of the small parties — and to a lesser extent Bader-Ofer — which accounts for an anomaly in *the final result:*

Labour went down seven per cent from 1969 but lost only five seats: Likud went up four per cent and gained seven seats.

Apart from Labour's losses in the big cities, the party dropped 4.4 per cent in kibbutzim and moshavim and five per cent among the Arabs. This did not impair Labour's predominance in the Jewish agricultural sector, where its showing was 62 per cent as compared to Likud's 14 per cent.

Shaki and Kahane

Shaki and Kahane probably account for some of the religious parties' 1.5 per cent loss nationally. But in the development towns, the religious parties suffered a 4.5 per cent drop. Only in the Arab communities did the National Religious Party gain — by two per cent. Of all the Jewish parties, the strongest in the Arab sector is the NRP, while there is a gradual decline in support for Labour, says Smith.

Both the Independent Liberals and Shulamit Aloni won their support in the more affluent quarters of the cities, which means that Aloni probably sidetracked what would have been a considerable boost to HaP in the next Knesset.

The Left too has always drawn its strength from middle and upper income groups and this time it was disappointed. Moked gained no more than the one mandate its Communist partner in the new alliance held in the last Knesset (although without the Bader-Ofer ruling it would have won two). Uri Avneri, looking to the same income-groups for his support, failed this time to get even one of the two mandates he won in 1969.

Erosion in the Alignment vote, says Smith, is evident in a comparison with the 1965 election when the parties which are now partners in Labour won 51.2 per cent of the vote. That figure dropped to 40 per cent in 1973 (42 per cent, if Shulamit Aloni's support is added). During the same period, Likud went up from 21 to 29 per cent. The difference between the former's decline and the latter's rise is accounted for by the rise in votes for *the small parties.*

VIEWPOINT By Erwin Frenkel

WHEN GOVERNMENT FAILS TO SPEAK OUT

FELIX Frankfurter once said that democratic government may be defined as "the government which accepts in the fullest sense the responsibility to explain itself."

It is a definition which can fruitfully be applied to Israel, not to measure its democratic pedigree, but to test the manner in which the government leads. For what Frankfurter had in mind was the responsibility of democratic leadership — the means by which consent is maintained between leaders and the led in a democracy.

Probably he did not consider the queer democratic offshoot which is coalition government, where explanation becomes entangled in contradiction, where the statement of one minister becomes the occasion for a rebuttal by another.

But he probably did have in mind matters like economic policy, the state of the armed forces, relations between the officer corps and government, the health of the head of government, major foreign policy decisions; and perhaps if the U.S. of his day had included it, the loss — by virtue, of an accident — of 15-16 per cent of a government oil company's proceeds.

In Israel, especially the Israel after the Yom Kippur War, such items are no longer subjects in need of government explanation. Because a few generals began to denounce each other through the press, it has been decreed that soldiers of all ranks can no longer talk to newsmen. Because our economic ministers were busy with elections or because they have nothing to say, we do not know what kind of policy is to be adopted to cover the immense costs of war, mobilization, and world inflation. Because of the fluidity of our internal politics, the custodians of the State have watched as a field general engages in coalition negotiations. Because the Government is predisposed to telling as little as possible, it negotiates withdrawal under the euphemism of disengagement. And because withholding news has become an automatic reaction, an explanation of the cause of the fire at Abu Rodeis is denied the Israeli public.

The war has raised many questions. It has made the need for the government to explain itself to its public even more imperative than before. For only by such explanation can public trust be maintained. Instead there has been silence. It is perhaps most graphically illustrated by the fact that since the elections, not a word has been heard from the Prime Minister and head of the Labour Alignment, stating what the results of the election mean for her policies.

When a government fails to explain itself to its own people there is no reason to expect that it can explain itself abroad. The in search of culprits for failing of our information policy abroad would do well to examine causes, not symptoms.

If, for example, disengagement is not presented for what it really is — a daring Israeli initiative for withdrawal into Sinai that could help promote a settlement — we should not be surprised if Dr. Kissinger and Sadat, and not Israel, reap the political credit when our troops move back.

Our leaders will then still be explaining that they gave nothing away, making no sense abroad and no sense at home.

But it is consent and conviction at home, not foreign information policy, which is the prime issue in the government's failure to explain itself. Democratic governments have a responsibility to explain themselves in order to satisfy the curiosity of inquiring journalists, as some of our leaders would dismiss it, and not even because of the fine phrase "the public's right to know," but because of the fear of what happens when they don't.

Dry Bones

Readers' letters

CARLESS SABBATH IN NETANYA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I read in your issue of November 27 that the Netanya Council decided to make the Sabbath the carless day for municipality vehicles. I would be very interested to know how much petrol they expect to save by this gesture, as I was under the impression that the Municipality vehicles are not for private use and are not normally used officially on Sabbath.

SIDNEY GREEN

Netanya, November 27.

The Netanya Municipality replies:

The decision of the Netanya Municipal Council to make Sabbath the carless day does not apply to municipal service vehicles, which are always laid up on the Sabbath, but to all cars registered under the name of the Municipality, including those allocated to individuals.

As far as saving petrol is concerned, the authorities' intention is not to curtail services and hinder work; on the contrary, they encouraged the choice of Sabbath as the carless day in order not to disturb regular work procedures.

As far as Sabbath observance is concerned, no true observer requires further edicts to do what he has always done.

Y. NEBI, Town Clerk

Netanya, December 14.

INTERESTED PARTIES IN GENEVA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Now that the Geneva Conference has started, the question of inviting "other interested parties" will *invariably arise.* It seems to be generally agreed that this refers to a delegation of Palestinians. Is it not strange that no one should have considered that the World Jewish Congress and the Zionist Organization are indeed such "interested parties?"

YOHANAN BOSS

Kfar Saba, December 21.

BUS QUEUES IN TEL AVIV

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The other day, I happened to stand in a long queue opposite the Tel Aviv Kirya, waiting for a bus to take me and many others to the Central Bus Station. Several Egged buses came along, duly disgorging many of their passengers, but refusing ("alighting only!) to take on any of the waiting crowd. The reason: A long-standing feud — or shall we call it an "agreement" — between our two unshakable transport companies, whereby wasting fuel (and, incidentally, people's limited patience) is considered preferable to composing their petty quibbles and rationally planning their lines.

Will the Ministry of Transport go on turning a blind eye to such wasteful, unjustifiable behaviour in a time of scarcity and rationing?

YAIR BASSAN

Kibbutz Haogan, November 20.

Egged replies:

This particular stop serves many lines, including long-distance buses which only let off passengers, and local buses which also pick them up.

In these extraordinary days, drivers must exercise their own judgment and pick up passengers at stops where they usually don't. But this has no connection with the division between Egged and Dan, since even if and when the two cooperatives unite, it will still be illogical for interurban buses to pick up local passengers.

M. SCHIFMAN, Spokesman

Tel Aviv, November 28.

Ministry of Transport replies:

Most Egged buses ply interurban routes to Tel Aviv and make only a few stops in the city. Long-distance passengers arriving in Tel Aviv are anxious to reach their destination as soon as possible and it is impossible to delay them once they are in town by picking up and dropping local passengers travelling short distances.

Y. AMITAI, Spokesman

Jerusalem, December 14.

RELIGION AND THE THEATRE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I take strong exception to Mendel Kohansky's statement of December 28 that "religious (people) consider the theatre an abomination."

His crass ignorance of religion and the outlook of the religious population of Jerusalem should have made him refrain from statements about them.

ELAINE FISCHER

Petah Tikva, December 30.

Mendel Kohansky comments:

I might not have made it clear, but I was referring to the ultra-*Orthodox who ban any secular activity,* including the theatre.

INTERNATIONALIZE ARAB OIL FIELDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Many people are calling for the internationalization of Jerusalem. The health and welfare of the world would be tremendously advanced if there would be an international demand for the internationalization of Arab oil fields.

Since Jerusalem is under Israeli jurisdiction, not one single person has been prevented from free access to the city and all of its holy places, while under Arab rule not only was free access to holy places limited, but there was documented evidence of desecration of Jewish holy places.

The world built enormous enterprises based on the tacit understanding of oil producing countries that oil would be permanently and freely available at reasonable prices. These understandings and agreements and the welfare of hundreds of millions of people have been completely disregarded by the tyrannical acts of a handful of despots. The welfare of the people of the world demands the internationalization of the Arab oil fields, not of the free city of Jerusalem.

K. TIBBER

New York, December 24.

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